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**GLORY,
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Manchester United skipper and two-goal Wembley hero Bryan Robson hoists the FA Cup aloft after Thursday's victory over Brighton. Picture by Bob Thomas. More great colour pictures on pages 10 and 11

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FA CUP FINAL REPLAY

BRIGHTON (0) 0

Attendance: 92,000 (At

Wembley)

Receipts: £640,000

Brighton

Moseley 7

Gatting 7

Pearce 7

Grealish 7

Foster 6

Stevens 7

CASE 8

Howlett 6 (sub Ryan)

Robinson 7

Smith 7

Smillie 6

MANCHESTER UNITED (3) 4

Robson 25,44, Whiteside

29,

Muhren pen. 63

Manchester United

Bailey 7

Duxbury 7

Albiston 8

Wilkins 6

Moran 7

McQueen 7

ROBSON 9

Muhren 7

Stapleton 7

Whiteside 7

Davies 8

Referee: A. Grey (Great Yarmouth)

Match Rating: ****

Brighton rocker! Bryan Robson starts United's first half goal spree as he hammers the ball between Tony Grealish (4) and Jimmy Case (7). Team-mates Ray Wilkins (right) and Alan Davies look on.

ROBSON

UNITED'S two-goal hero Bryan Robson clutched his cherished FA Cup winners medal close to his chest and sent out a spine-chilling warning to the rest of the First Division.

The England skipper, inspirational and instrumental in the 4-0 hammering of Brighton, confidently predicts a return of the glory days at Old Trafford: "This win has given us confidence and belief in ourselves. Now we can go out and match Liverpool in all competitions," says Bryan.

"The first trophy is the hardest one to win and I've always been convinced that once we got over that hurdle, others would follow.

"In the replay we were all determined to make up for the disappointment of only drawing 2-2 in the first game. We wanted to do it for our great supporters."

For Bryan, the Cup success is his first honour in senior football and

he admits: "It is a fantastic feeling. To score two goals made it even more special for me.

"The only thing I can compare it with is when England beat Hungary at Wembley 1-0 in 1979 to qualify for the World Cup Finals. The atmosphere and occasion was incredible that night too."

By his own high standards, the midfielder's performance in the first Wembley clash with Brighton was below par. He explains: "I was making runs into the box too early and the Brighton defenders were able to pick me up.

"Brighton tried to attack us more in the replay and that gave us more space. I don't think Steve Foster improved the back four because Steve Gatting and Gary Stevens were their best players on the Saturday.

"Our defenders, Gordon McQueen and Kevin Moran, played much better the second time and we were more patient in our build-up and more clinical in our finishing."

Arnold Muhren became the first Dutchman to play in an FA Cup Final and he fulfilled a five-year dream. He says: "Ever since coming to England with Ipswich, I've wanted to win this.

"And it feels even better than I thought it would. We won the UEFA Cup at Portman Road but it doesn't compare with this."

The midfield star knocked the final nail in the Brighton coffin with United's fourth goal from the penalty spot — his first ever spot kick in English football.

"Our regular penalty taker, Steve Coppell, couldn't play so the manager asked for volunteers. No-one came forward so I decided to take the job."

WEMBLEY FACTS

	Brighton	Man. Utd
Corners for	4	6
Free-kicks against	9	13
Offsides against	5	3
Shots on target	4	9
Shots off target	5	5

Below: It's that man again... Bryan Robson (7) steals in for United's third goal a minute before half time.



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RUBS IT IN!

TWO-GOAL BRYAN SHOOTS DOWN THE SEAGULLS

Even though it took United 25 minutes to get into their stride, Arnold was never worried that they would lose the replay. He says: "We were always in command and, when the second goal went in, it was all over."

"But Brighton should be given a lot of credit. They never stopped battling and kept plugging away."

United manager Ron Atkinson was full of praise for his team's performance: "They were superb. We set out our stall to attack and win the game. That's exactly what we did."

"For the first 25 minutes, Brighton played better than they did on Saturday but once we got into our stride, I was confident that the Cup was ours."

Scottish striker Gordon Smith, whose dramatic miss in the dying seconds of extra-time on Saturday cost Brighton the Cup, says: "I don't think 4-0 was a fair reflection of the game."

"United got the breaks in front of goal and their finishing was lethal. From our point of view, the second and third goals were bad

ones to give away. After that it was just a case of plugging away and trying to salvage something."

"Gary Bailey made a tremendous save from Jimmy Case when we were two-down. If he had scored we would have been right back in the reckoning."

"The pressure was always on us and when United are three goals up, people like Arnold Muhren, Ray Wilkins and Brian Robson look like the best players in the world."

"But I'm not too down. I'm thrilled to have played and scored in an FA Cup Final. It's been a great experience for me and a marvellous spectacle for the fans. We provided them with two very good football matches."

Jimmy Melia, the Brighton manager, has no complaints about the result. He says: "There's no doubt United deserved it. They were the better team. We had our chance to win it in the first game."

"But I'm proud of my Brighton team. They didn't let anyone down. If they had been six or seven goals down, they'd have still kept battling away."



Top: Teenager Norman Whiteside rises to score United's second goal. Brighton skipper Steve Foster (grounded) and Steve Gattling (2) can only watch in horror.

Above: Norman... you beauty! Bryan Robson (7), Frank Stapleton (9), and Alan Davies (11) rush in to congratulate scorer Norman Whiteside.

"Bryan Robson's first goal was tremendous. He made it out of nothing. I felt the big difference in the United performance was the form of him and Frank Stapleton. They combined so well in the replay."

Jimmy is also quick to heap praise on Gary Bailey. "His magnificent save from Jimmy Case turned the game. He made three great saves and it would have been an injustice if he'd been beaten."

"Obviously I'm disappointed we didn't win, but we achieved a great feat just to get to Wembley. If I'd have said in January that Brighton would get to the Final, people would have laughed at me."

● **FIRST COLOUR PICTURES FROM THE FA CUP FINAL REPLAY — Pages 10 and 11.**

FINAL FLASHES

- THE last time a team scored four goals in the FA Cup Final was when Blackpool came from 3-1 down to beat Bolton 4-3 in 1953.
- UNITED'S 4-0 win is the biggest winning margin in an FA Cup Final for 80 years — and the biggest ever at Wembley. Bury beat Derby County 6-0 at Crystal Palace in season 1902-03.
- NO-ONE was more delighted with the Wembley result than Aston Villa. It means that United go into next season's European Cup Winners' Cup, leaving Villa to fill the vacant UEFA Cup slot.
- A PENALTY has never been missed in an FA Cup Final at Wembley. Seven have been scored in all and Arnold Muhren's spot kick made it three on the trot, with Glenn Hoddle scoring for Spurs in the 1-0 replay defeat of QPR last year and Kevin Reeves netting in Man City's 3-2 replay defeat at the hands of Spurs the year before.
- FORMER United manager Sir Matt Busby celebrated his 74th birthday on the day of the Final replay. The man who built a legend from the ruins of Munich, taking United to an FA Cup and European Cup Final victory, took his hat off to the fans as they sang 'Happy Birthday'.
- AT eighteen years and three weeks old, Norman Whiteside is the youngest player ever to score in an FA Cup Final.
- THIS is United's first trophy since 1977, when Tommy Docherty took them to a 2-1 FA Cup Final victory over Liverpool, and their first under the current management.
- UNITED'S only other trophy in the past 15 years was the European Cup, which they won with a Wembley victory over Portugal's Benfica under the management of Matt Busby.
- THE two Wembley matches brought record receipts of £1,526,000 and a total of 192,000 fans watched the two teams serve up a feast of thrilling football.

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Paul Walsh — reckons Manchester United's Arnold-Muhren helped Luton stay up.

Hats off to Arnie

**MUHREN
SPURS
LUTON**

THE seeds for Luton's dramatic, relegation-saving victory over Manchester City, were sewn five days earlier at — of all places — Old Trafford!

Recalls 'Hatters' striker Paul Walsh: "We'd just been beaten 3-0 by United to set up the cliff-hanging finale with City and as I trooped dejectedly off the pitch, Arnie Muhren came to join me.

"He patted me on the back and told me to keep my chin up because all was not lost. Arnie assured me, from what he'd seen, we were a much better side than City... and capable of beating them on the day.

"Then he wished me luck and said he looked forward to meeting us again in the First Division next season.

"That really gave me a lift and when I told the other lads they said they felt the same way.

"We had messages like the one from Arnie right through the week leading up to that crucial last game and I'm convinced that kind of encouragement did as much to see us through as our own will to win."

EIRE CADETS

MIDDLESBROUGH'S goalkeeping find Kelham O'Hanlon and Fulham's Robert Wilson are set for the first introduction to Eire honours.

Both are included in the squad of 21 for an international tournament in Toulon, France, next week.

Five home-based players are in the under 21 squad and some over-aged players are permitted:

The squad also includes: McDonagh (Bolton), Pender, Kernan (both Wolves), O'Reagan, Howlett, Fleet (all Brighton), Gorman (Arsenal), Sheridan (Leeds), Sheedy (Everton), Kinsella (Ipswich), Cottingdon (Fulham), Walsh (Oporto), Donovan (Burnley) and O'Callaghan (Stoke).

Charlie on the box

SCOTLAND wonder boy Charlie Nicholas has certainly made quite a name for himself in and around opposition penalty boxes this season.

Now he's hoping to create a similar good impression in a box of a different kind. Charlie has been promised a spot in one of the boxes on Lennie Bennett's 'Punchlines' TV show.

Chelsea on the warpath

WATCH out Division Two... Chelsea are on the warpath.

That's the message from popular full-back Joey Jones at the end of a season which almost saw the famous London club relegated to the Third Division.

"We had a terrible run, but you'll see a different Chelsea next season," predicts the

Welsh international.

"There's no way we're going to struggle to stay up next year... in fact I think we'll be making a strong push for promotion.

"Our fans were magnificent last season and stood by us all the way. They deserve success and that's what we aim to give them."

BEAT THAT!

SOUTHEND full-back John Walker, who has been at Roots Hall for eight years, has quit the club to take up defensive duties of a very different kind.

He is to become a defender of the law when he joins Essex police having decided there is no longer a future for him with the Third Division club.

How wrong can you be?

NORWICH and Birmingham left us with egg on our faces following their dramatic flights to First Division safety.

In our promotion and relegation forecasts in our April 2 issue we said they were doomed to the Second Division!

But we did predict that Brighton would be relegated... and even correctly forecast their final points tally of 40!

We failed to pinpoint only one of the relegated teams in the Second Division with Charlton, Derby and Cambridge all staying up, but we did back QPR to win the title followed by Wolves.

Our success rate was a little higher in the lower divisions. We correctly predicted the top three in the Third Division and in the right order, and we had a similar success in Division Four with Colchester letting us down for fourth spot.

In the Third Division relegation zone, we predicted that Chesterfield and Doncaster were doomed and in Division Four we had Hereford and Crewe in the right places at the bottom.

And we did tip Liverpool to win the title!

● Striker Bob Latchford created Welsh soccer history by scoring in every one of Swansea's Welsh Cup ties last season — including both in the 2-0 second leg victory over Wrexham at the Vetch Field which secured the 'Swans' a 4-1 aggregate victory and puts them in Europe again next season.

Merseyside battle goes on

EVERTON skipper Mark Higgins believes the task of breaking Liverpool's stranglehold on Merseyside will be just as tough despite the departure of Bob Paisley.

"Nothing seems to rock the boat at Anfield, whether it happens on the field or off it," says Mark.

"I've played against Liverpool sides at youth, A-team, reserve and senior level, and every single one of them play in exactly the same way. That's why players can slot in and out so easily, because no matter at what level they play, they're brought up in the Liverpool style.

"It'll be the same with the change of management. Bob Paisley has moved out, Joe Fagan has moved in, and the

club will go on regardless.

"If we at Everton are going to get the better of Liverpool, it won't be because of their shortcomings, it'll be because of our own improvement. And that's the way I'd prefer it to be."

● DON'T be surprised if Liverpool — who once had Israeli international Avi Cohen on their books — go back East to sign one of his fellow countrymen...

The League Champions were beaten 4-3 by Israel's national side in Tel Aviv — and Benny Tabak scored all four goals!



Mark Higgins — "Nothing seems to rock the boat at Liverpool."

BARRON TOPS THE CHARTS

HAIL the new First Division goalkeeping king — West Brom's Paul Barron.

He now rules as Match Weekly's 'Top Stopper' — the goalkeeper with the safest hands last season.

Signed from Crystal Palace for £60,000 at the turn of the year, Paul conceded only 15 goals in twenty League games — an average of one goal every two hours — and kept ten clean sheets.

That enabled him to wrest the crown from young Manchester United star Gary Bailey, who had been in possession of the title for the previous two years.

Gary himself had to be content with third place this time, with Liverpool's Bruce Grobbelaar claiming runners-up spot for the second successive season.

Both again topped the 100-minute mark, but while Bruce, with 102, was only 16 minutes down on the previous year, Gary slumped by 52 minutes, having conceded ten more goals despite making two fewer appearances.

Everton's Jim Arnold, who started the season as deputy to Welsh international Nev Southall, was fourth, and then came three Midlands goalkeepers relatively new to the First Division scene.

Nigel Spink, given his head this



TOP STOPPERS



Left: Paul Barron — 'Top Stopper' in the First Division last season. Above: Man. Utd's Gary Bailey — lost his crown. Below: George Wood — dramatic slump in our table.

STOPPING POWER!



season by Aston Villa, proved a capable successor to Jimmy Rimmer by grabbing fifth place, and Tony Coton, Birmingham's saviour on countless occasions in their dramatic relegation fight, was also well to the fore.

And in seventh place was Dutch international Hans Van Breukelen, who faced the hard task at Nottingham Forest last season of replacing England's Peter Shilton.

MATCH WINNERS

THE lucky winner of the 'Place the Face' competition in the May 14 edition of 'Match' is Darren Bowyer, of Allerton, Bradford, West Yorkshire, who receives a super Kodak disc camera.

Ten runners-up each receive a 'Match Weekly' T-shirt. They are: Julia Smith, Billericay, Essex; Norman McCrae, East Ham, London; Robin Scally, Hornchurch, Essex; M. Britton, Strood, Kent; Andrew Baxter, Lows Lane, Norfolk; Nigel Sturgeon, Chaddesden, Derby; Eileen Salkeld, Burnley, Lancs; Michaela Varney, Stony Stratford, Bucks; Simon West, Frechville, Sheffield; J. Gormley, Shooters Hill Road, London SE18 4NZ.

THE first column in the table shows the number of games played. The second column shows the number of goals conceded in the League and the third column is the average number of minutes play between each goal. For instance, Southampton's Peter Shilton conceded, on average, one goal every 67 minutes in the First Division. Only League goals have been used in the compilation of this table and only goalkeepers who played at least twenty games qualified for inclusion. NEXT WEEK: Division Two.

DIVISION ONE

Pos.	Player	Games	Goals	Mins played per goal
1 (—)	Paul Barron (West Brom)	20 (—)	15 (—)	120 (—)
2 (2)	Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool)	42 (42)	37 (32)	102 (118)
3 (1)	Gary Bailey (Man. United)	37 (39)	33 (23)	101 (153)
4 (—)	Jim Arnold (Everton)	25 (—)	23 (—)	98 (—)
5 (—)	Nigel Spink (Aston Villa)	22 (—)	23 (—)	86 (—)
6 (—)	Tony Coton (Birmingham)	28 (—)	30 (—)	84 (—)
7 (—)	Hans Van Breukelen (Nott'm F)	25 (—)	27 (—)	83 (—)
8 (7)	Ray Clemence (Tottenham)	41 (38)	50 (41)	74 (83)
9 (14)	Paul Cooper (Ipswich)	35 (31)	44 (43)	72 (65)
10 (12)	Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	20 (42)	27 (53)	67 (71)
10 (7)	Peter Shilton (Southampton)	39 (41)	52 (46)	67 (80)
12 (—)	Les Sealey (Coventry)	39 (—)	53 (—)	66 (—)
12 (—)	Steve Sherwood (Watford)	42 (—)	57 (—)	66 (—)
14 (—)	Chris Woods (Norwich)	42 (—)	58 (—)	65 (—)
15 (10)	Chris Turner (Sunderland)	35 (23)	49 (28)	64 (74)
16 (13)	Phil Parkes (West Ham)	42 (39)	62 (51)	61 (69)
17 (19)	Peter Fox (Stoke)	35 (38)	53 (57)	59 (60)
17 (9)	Dai Davies (Swansea)	30 (41)	46 (48)	59 (77)
19 (7)	Joe Corrigan (Man. City)	25 (39)	39 (44)	58 (80)
20 (4)	Graham Moseley (Brighton)	27 (30)	44 (30)	55 (90)
21 (21)	Raddy Avramovic (Notts Co)	36 (42)	61 (69)	53 (58)
22 (3)	George Wood (Arsenal)	23 (26)	40 (25)	52 (94)
23 (—)	Jake Findlay (Luton)	26 (—)	55 (—)	43 (—)

* Last season's Division One figures in brackets.

■ DUE to circumstances beyond our control, the Glenn Hoddle column will now appear in next week's issue.



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THOMAS REVEALS WHY HE MUST QUIT COVENTRY:



Danny Thomas — "I want to win things and play in Europe. I can't see that happening at Coventry."

ENGLAND hopeful Danny Thomas spoke this week of his decision to quit Coventry.

After five years at Highfield Road the talented full-back revealed: "I need new experience at a bigger and better club."

"I'm a very ambitious player and want to win things and play in Europe... I can't see that happening at Coventry."

Danny could be one of a number of players leaving the club at the end of a season which promised so much.

He says: "There's been quite a bit of unrest at the club since they sold Garry Thompson to West Brom and it was made worse by the sacking of Dave Sexton."

At the turn of the year the 'Sky Blues' were enjoying their best-ever spell in the First Division and looked destined for a place in Europe.

But they managed to win only two of their last 17 games and dropped dramatically out of contention.

Says Danny: "It was nothing short of a disaster. In January we were up there in the top six and yet we ended up just avoiding relegation."

"At one stage we were playing really well and the results were going for us, but the turning point came when they sold Garry to West Brom."

"I was very disappointed to see him go, not just because he was a close friend, but because he's a great player and an asset to any side."

"Dave Sexton didn't want to sell him, but there was nothing he could do. That's when things started to go wrong."

"No-one was very happy about it because it wasn't the first time the club had sold one of our top players."

"Coventry are well known for producing good young players, but as soon as they reach maturity and start producing the goods they are allowed to leave."

Since that time, a boardroom upheaval has seen the resignation of chairman Jimmy Hill and the sacking of manager Dave Sexton.

"That was another disappointment for the players," says Danny. "Not only was Dave a good manager but he was a friend to everybody."

"The annoying thing about his dismissal was the way the club did it. He was told to go about an hour before the kick-off on the last day of the season," claims Danny.

Danny joined Coventry straight from school five years ago and has made over 100 League appearances.

He says: "I've enjoyed my time at the club and I'm grateful to them for helping me progress from a raw schoolkid, to the verge of the England team."

"It's been slightly disappointing not to have

'I want to win things'

won anything, but hopefully the wheel of fortune will change now."

Rumours were rife before Danny's contract expired at the end of the season that Arsenal and West Brom were interested in him, but he says no approach was made.

"The only thing I heard was that Everton had made inquiries about me," he says.

In a couple of days (June 6) Danny sets off with his England colleagues for a three-match tour of Australia.

It's the fifth time he's been named in a first team squad but prior to this year's British Championship he had still to win a cap.

"I was picked for the Greece game in Salonika and again for the two Wembley matches against Wales and Luxembourg," he says.

"I never got a game and I was a little disappointed when I was left out for the Hungary game at Wembley."

"But my club form last season was not as good as in previous years and I did not really do myself justice... so I don't suppose I can complain."

"I have always felt that in time I can earn some international caps, but it's a question of getting down to some hard work and improving my game."

Danny, who has played five times for the Under-21 side, realises he's going to have his work cut out wrestling the England number two shirt from Phil Neal.

"And with Manchester United's Mike Duxbury having had such a marvellous season and Forest's Viv Anderson back to form, it's by no means cut and dried," he says.

"But hopefully a move to a successful club would boost my chances of international honours."

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I'm a 16-year-old Aston Villa fan and my favourite player is striker Gary Shaw. I'd like to write to someone of my own age.
Julie Lewis, 17 Kempton Avenue, West Bromwich, West Midlands B71 1HD

SUPPORTING Sheffield United and listening to pop music — especially The Stranglers — are my hobbies. I'd like a girl pen pal who supports 'The Blades'.
Stephen Killick, 91 Wetherby Crescent, North Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 8TE

I'm a 14-year-old Rangers fan and would like to write to someone who supports Sheffield Wednesday.
Craig Williams (14), 2 Drumshoreland Place, Pumpherson, Livingston, West Lothian.

PEN PALS

DURAN Duran and Kajagoogoo are my favourite pop groups while West Ham and Aston Villa are my top teams. I'd like a pen pal between the ages of 16 and 19.
Claudia McBlain, 'Drumsheugh', 1 Abingdon Close, Woking, Surrey GU21 3JD

I'd like a pen pal who lives outside the UK with whom I can swap programmes and souvenirs.
Richard Sullivan (14), 47 Thors Oak, Stanford-Le-Hope, Essex.

WE are two FC Den Haag fans and would like to correspond with

fans of either West Ham or Portsmouth.
Dinie Greeve (18), Joan Blasiusstraat 6, 2533 KN Den Haag, Holland; Linda van der Kamp (17), Melis Stokelaan 2568, 2501 GV Den Haag, Holland.

I AM a 15-year-old West Ham supporter and would like a female pen pal around the same age. My hobbies include acting, swimming and going to disco's. Please send a photograph with any reply.
Tim Bray, 15 Maplehatch Close, Godalming, Surrey.

I AM a 16-year-old Liverpool fan and would like to write to anyone from anywhere. My favourite players include Bruce Grobbelaar, Kenny Dalglish and Charlie Nicholas.
Sharon Jennings, 36 Stanley Street, Fairfield, Liverpool L7 0JW.

STAR VIEW

No 5 Kevin Keegan v Kenny Dalglish

THIS week the 'Star View' spotlight turns to the home of League Champions Liverpool to compare two Anfield greats — past and present.

The men in question are 'Player of the Year' Kenny Dalglish and the man he replaced, Kevin Keegan, who after spells with SV Hamburg and Southampton, is now starring for Second Division Newcastle.

And the verdict comes from Chelsea full-back Joey Jones, a man well qualified to compare the two giants of British soccer having played alongside both during his Liverpool days.

Don't miss 'Star View' every week in 'Match' — it's the series that's got everyone talking.

HOW THEY SCORED

KEEGAN		DALGLISH
8	Shooting	8
8	Ball control	8
8	Passing	8
7	Temperament	8
9	Vision	9
9	Heading	7
7	Tackling	8
9	Stamina	8
9	Speed	8
9	Teamwork	9
83	TOTAL	81
100	Maximum	100



KEVIN KEEGAN

Born: Armthorpe, Yorks.
Age: 32.
Previous clubs: Scunthorpe, Liverpool, Hamburg, Southampton.
Total Football League appearances: 459.
Total League goals: 144.
International honours: 63 England caps.

KENNY DALGLISH

Born: Glasgow.
Age: 32.
Previous club: Celtic.
Total League appearances: 244 (England), 204 (Scotland).
Total League goals: 96 (England), 112 (Scotland).
International honours: 90 Scotland caps.



Joey Jones says

KEVIN Keegan and Kenny Dalglish are the 'kings' of British football.

They are probably the best two players this country has produced for many years and both have been great ambassadors for our game.

I was fortunate enough to play alongside Kevin and Kenny during my days at Liverpool and I've always been great admirers of them both.

Kevin was undoubtedly the hero of Anfield during his successful spell there and it was a great blow when he left to play in Germany.

But if ever there was an ideal replacement, it was Kenny who had already made quite a name for himself north of the border at Celtic.

Such was the quality of the man that he stepped into Kevin's role virtually overnight and made the position his own.

Kenny has long been a favourite of mine and I was delighted to see him pick up the 'Player of the Year'

award last season... no-one deserved it more.

He had a marvellous year and certainly answered the critics who were writing him off after Scotland's exit from the World Cup Finals.

It's difficult to try and split Kevin and Kenny because they have both proved themselves to be tremendous players year in, year out.

Kevin seemed to have reached his peak by the time he left Liverpool yet he went on to win two European 'Player of the Year' awards with Hamburg.

And when he came back to England to play for Lawrie McMenemy's Southampton, it was as though he had never been away.

The speed, skill and enthusiasm, which became his trademark at Anfield, were still there and he showed his class by finishing the 1981/82 season as the First Division's leading scorer.

Since Bobby Robson took over as manager of England, Kevin has been out of favour, but I still believe he's good enough for the national team.

I played against him when we took on Newcastle only a few weeks before the end of the season and he was still in marvellous form.

He never stopped running for 90 minutes and must have covered every inch of the pitch... he was brilliant.

He's a very difficult player to mark because you never know where he's going to pop up next. And he knows how to cope with man-to-man marking having played in Germany.

Kenny is equally elusive and, when he gets the ball, it's almost impossible to tackle him because he shields it so well.

And there is no better player at turning defenders. He's so quick in and around the 18-yard box where he creates a number of goals for his striking partner Ian Rush.

They complement each other so well and it has to be the most lethal partnership in the First Division.

Kevin had a similar understanding with John Toshack at Anfield during the 70's when they were probably the most feared duo in the country.

For a small man, Kevin is brilliant in the air and on heading he has the edge over Kenny.

I also mark the Newcastle star up on stamina and speed, which have always been his great assets over the years. He will run for ever and sets a great example to the younger players around him.

THE League Championship race was balanced on a knife edge...

Molineux was the stage as Liverpool went into their crucial last match of the season against Wolves needing a point to clinch the title.

If they faltered, Queen's Park Rangers were waiting in the wings to snatch the trophy from Liverpool's grasp.

And when Bob Paisley's 'Red Army' marched in at half-time losing to a Steve Kindon goal, it seemed the Championship could well be heading South.

It was high drama, but despite the tension and excitement surrounding that last 45 minutes, Liverpool's skipper at the time, Emlyn Hughes, was confident the result would go their way. The manager had said so!

Recalls Emlyn: "Although we were a goal down at half time I never doubted we would win.

"We were playing well enough and I remember Bob Paisley telling us to keep battling away and the goals would come. How right he was...

"In the second half, we scored three goals through Kevin Keegan, John Toshack and Ray

LIVERPOOL FACT FILE 1975-76

Manager: Bob Paisley.

Points: 60.

Goals for: 66.

Goals against: 31.

Biggest victory: 4-0 v Tottenham (a) and West Ham (a).

Heaviest defeat: 2-0 v Q.P.R. (a), Ipswich (a), Middlesbrough (h); 3-1 v Norwich (h).

Top scorers: League — John Toshack 16; FA Cup — Kevin Keegan, John Toshack, one each; League Cup — Alec Lindsay, Jimmy Case, one each.

Penalty king: Phil Neal 5.

Hat-tricks: Toshack 2.

Average home gate: 41,623.

Most League appearances: Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, 42.

Kennedy, and the trophy was ours.

"The atmosphere at Molineux that night was fantastic. The number of fans who made the journey from Liverpool was incredible.

"When we travelled home on the coach that night, the M6 was blocked because so many people had come down.

"The support at Liverpool had always been great and that night was no exception, although overall attendances at Anfield

had dwindled compared with the late Sixties."

And so the Championship went back to Liverpool for a record ninth time. "I never felt we were in danger of losing the title race because we were simply the best side in the League," says Emlyn.

"QPR, who beat us at Anfield on the first day of the season, put us under a lot of pressure during the latter stages but we had the character to pull through in the end."

Only a week before their dramatic win at Wolves, Liverpool played the first leg of the UEFA Cup Final at Anfield against the Belgian side, FC Bruges.

The visitors took an early

two-goal lead, but the 'Reds' hit back with three goals in an amazing five-minute spell during the second half.

Says Emlyn: "We looked dead and buried at half-time but, when we ended the game 3-2 ahead, I felt we could go on and win the cup in Belgium.

"After dominating much of the second leg, we went a goal down but Kevin Keegan equalised and that was enough to win the trophy. It was a great night for us, especially after winning the Championship a week or two before."

Liverpool's double-winning squad contained no fewer than 12 internationals, but Emlyn believes it was the strength in depth which made the club so successful.

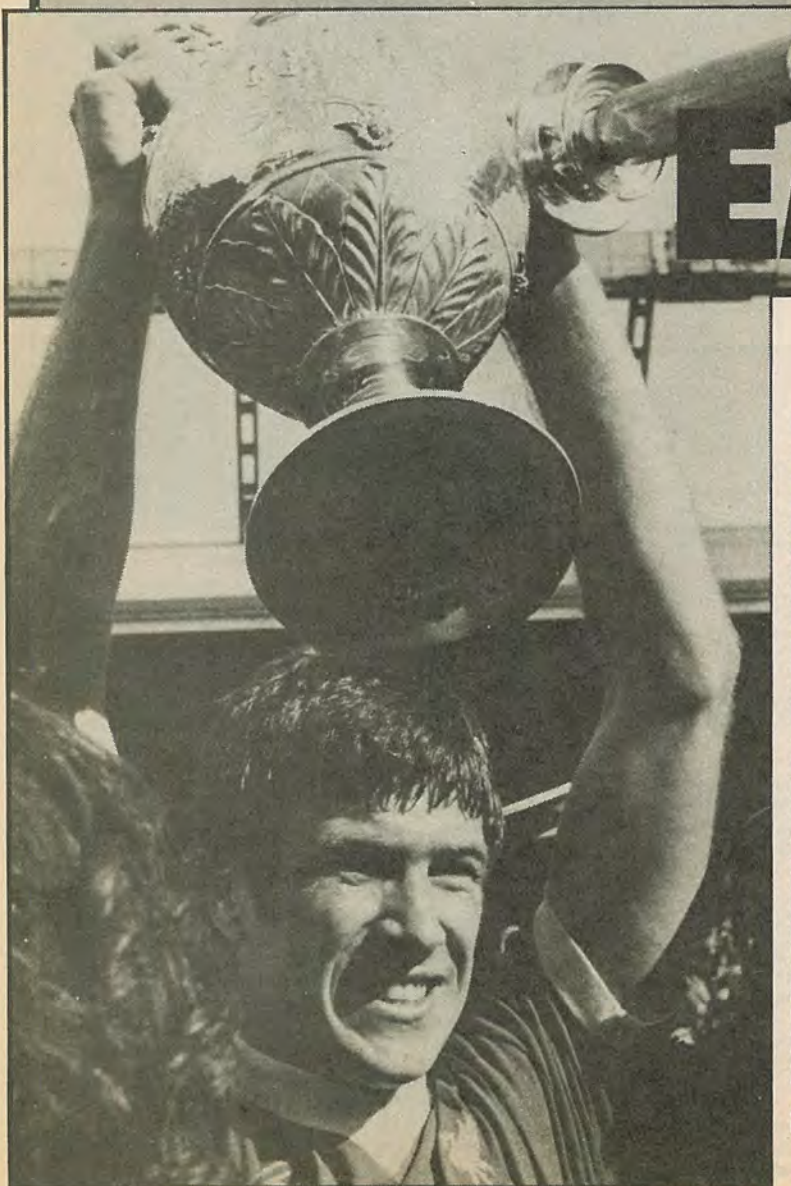
"People like Brian Hall and Alec Lindsay, who were great players in their own right, did marvellous jobs when called upon," he says.

"You need those sort of players in reserve if you are to win championships and that's been the secret of Liverpool's success over the years.

"We had a great goalkeeper in Ray Clemence, but he was rarely called upon because we had such a good defence and, in turn, they were never overworked because of the standard of the midfield players.

"Up front we had probably the best striking partnership around — Kevin Keegan and John

The League trophy is raised high over the head of skipper Emlyn Hughes.



EMLYN'S

How the Championship was won

Date		Opponents	Scorers	Att
Aug 16	(a)	QPR	0-2	27,113
Aug 19	(h)	West Ham	2-2 (Callaghan, Toshack)	40,564
Aug 23	(h)	Tottenham	3-2 (Keegan, pen, Case, Heighway)	42,729
Aug 26	(a)	Leeds	3-0 (Kennedy, Callaghan 2)	36,186
Aug 30	(a)	Leicester	1-1 (Keegan)	25,007
Sept 6	(h)	Sheffield Utd	1-0 (Kennedy)	37,340
Sept 13	(a)	Ipswich	0-2	28,132
Sept 20	(h)	Aston Villa	3-0 (Toshack, Case, Keegan)	42,779
Sept 27	(a)	Everton	0-0	55,570
Oct 4	(h)	Wolves	2-0 (Hall, Case)	36,391
Oct 11	(h)	Birmingham	3-1 (Toshack 3)	36,532
Oct 18	(a)	Coventry	0-0	20,695
Oct 25	(h)	Derby	1-1 (Toshack)	46,324
Nov 1	(a)	Middlesbrough	1-0 (McDermott)	30,952
Nov 8	(h)	Man. Utd.	3-1 (Heighway, Toshack, Keegan)	49,136
Nov 15	(a)	Newcastle	2-1 (Hall, Kennedy)	39,686
Nov 22	(h)	Coventry	1-1 (Toshack)	36,929
Nov 29	(h)	Norwich	1-3 (Hughes)	34,780
Dec 2	(h)	Arsenal	2-2 (Neal 2 pens)	27,447
Dec 6	(a)	Burnley	0-0	18,426
Dec 13	(a)	Tottenham	4-0 (Keegan, Case, Neal, Heighway)	29,891
Dec 20	(h)	QPR	2-0 (Toshack, Neal pen)	39,182
Dec 26	(a)	Stoke	1-1 (Toshack)	32,092
Dec 27	(h)	Man. City	1-0 (Cormack)	53,386
Jan 10	(h)	Ipswich	3-3 (Keegan 2, Case)	40,547
Jan 17	(a)	Sheffield Utd.	0-0	31,255
Jan 31	(a)	West Ham	4-0 (Toshack 3, Keegan)	26,741
Feb 7	(h)	Leeds	2-0 (Keegan, Toshack)	54,525
Feb 18	(a)	Man. Utd.	0-0	59,709
Feb 21	(h)	Newcastle	2-0 (Keegan, Case)	43,404
Feb 24	(a)	Arsenal	0-1	36,127
Feb 28	(a)	Derby	1-1 (Kennedy)	32,800
Mar 6	(h)	Middlesbrough	0-2	41,391
Mar 13	(a)	Birmingham	1-0 (Neal pen)	31,397
Mar 20	(a)	Norwich	1-0 (Fairclough)	29,013
Mar 27	(h)	Burnley	2-0 (Fairclough 2)	36,708
Apr 3	(h)	Everton	1-0 (Fairclough)	54,632
Apr 6	(h)	Leicester	1-0 (Keegan)	35,290
Apr 10	(a)	Aston Villa	0-0	44,250
Apr 17	(h)	Stoke	5-3 (Neal pen, Toshack, Kennedy, Hughes, Fairclough)	44,069
Apr 19	(a)	Man. City	3-0 (Heighway, Fairclough 2)	40,439
May 4	(a)	Wolves	3-1 (Keegan, Toshack, Kennedy)	48,900

● Liverpool's scores first in each case.

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Toshack — and with Steve Heighway operating on the left, it gave us a good balance."

Welsh international Toshack finished the season as the club's leading scorer with over 20 League and cup goals.

"John was a marvellous player and he went a long way to making a name for Kevin," says Emlyn.

"He was very under-rated and many people said he couldn't play, but that was nonsense and he proved it by scoring over 20 goals that season.

"All in all, it was a great side and one which played as a unit and not as individuals. Liverpool never bought players who only

showed flashes of brilliance every now and then.

"They went for players who were guaranteed to play consistently for up to 48 games — that's why they have been so good.

"It was great for me to captain such a marvellous side and those memories I will treasure forever."

■ Top goalscorers in the League: 16 — John Toshack; 12 — Kevin Keegan; 7 — David Fairclough; 6 — Jimmy Case, Ray Kennedy, Phil Neal; 4 — Steve Heighway; 3 — Ian Callaghan; 2 — Brian Hall, Emlyn Hughes; 1 — Terry McDermott, Peter Cormack.

Right: Dressing room jubilation as trainer Ronnie Moran gets a pat on the head and Emlyn Hughes prepares to shower himself in champagne. Also pictured (from left to right) are Ray Clemence, Tommy Smith, David Fairclough, Ian Callaghan, Phil Thompson, Phil Neal, Jimmy Case and Kevin Keegan

ECSTASY

FINAL DIVISION ONE TABLE

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Liverpool	42	14	5	2	41 21	9	9	3	25	10 60
QPR	42	17	4	0	42 13	7	7	7	25	20 59
Man. Utd.	42	16	4	1	40 13	7	6	8	28	29 56
Derby	42	15	3	3	45 30	6	8	7	30	28 53
Leeds	42	13	3	5	37 19	8	6	7	28	27 51
Ipswich	42	11	6	4	36 23	5	8	8	18	25 46
Leicester	42	9	9	3	29 14	4	10	7	19	27 45
Man. City	42	14	5	2	46 18	2	6	13	18	28 43
Tottenham	42	6	10	5	33 32	8	5	8	30	31 43
Norwich	42	10	5	6	33 26	6	5	10	25	32 42
Everton	42	10	7	4	37 24	5	5	11	23	42 42
Stoke	42	8	5	8	25 24	7	6	8	23	26 41
Middlesbrough	42	9	7	5	23 11	6	3	12	23	24 40
Coventry	42	6	9	6	22 22	7	5	9	25	35 40
Newcastle	42	11	4	6	51 26	4	5	12	20	36 39
Aston Villa	42	11	8	2	32 17	0	9	12	19	42 39
Arsenal	42	11	4	6	33 19	2	6	13	14	34 36
West Ham	42	10	5	6	26 23	3	5	13	22	48 36
Birmingham	42	11	5	5	36 26	2	2	17	21	49 33
Wolves	42	7	6	8	27 25	3	4	14	24	43 30
Burnley	42	6	6	9	23 26	3	4	14	20	40 28
Sheff. Utd.	42	4	7	10	19 32	2	3	16	14	50 22



WIN BOB PAISLEY'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

BOB Paisley bowed out as Liverpool manager after eight glorious years at Anfield.

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QUESTIONS

- 1 When did Bob Paisley take over as manager of Liverpool? Was it: a) 1971; b) 1972; c) 1973.
- 2 How many times have Liverpool won the League Championship under his charge? Is it: a) 5; b) 6; c) 7.
- 3 How many times have Liverpool won the European Cup under his command? Is it: a) 2; b) 3; c) 4.

Name

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Answers: 1 2 3

1-0

Bryan Robson, just out of picture to the left, breaks the ice with a great left foot drive that eludes Moseley's despairing dive. Ray Wilkins and Frank Stapleton (9) raise their arms to acclaim their skipper's Wembley opener.



2-0

Four minutes later and Norman Whiteside (10) twists the knife with this flashing header from an Alan Davies cross. Our picture captures a piece of football history... for this goal made Whiteside the youngest player ever to score in an FA Cup Final.



3-0

The killer goal... and it's United captain Bryan Robson again, thumping in a knock-down from Frank Stapleton to end any real chance of a Brighton revival. But even at this stage Jimmy Melia's men never gave up fighting.



GLORY,

4-0

United's Dutch master Arnold Muhren tucks his penalty confidently inside Moseley's left hand post to complete the Brighton blitz. With Steve Coppell injured, Muhren was nominated to take the kick — his first ever penalty in English football!





Above: The picture that sums up United's feelings of joy and relief as full-back Arthur Albiston brandishes the trophy they so desperately wanted to win. Ron Atkinson's team of stars have at last justified their massive potential.

Right: A delighted Gary Bailey, whose tremendous save from a wickedly deflected Jimmy Case thunderbolt in the first half helped keep Brighton at bay, shows the Cup to the fans.

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GLORY, Man United!



NO DEAL!

STEVE McMahon spoke this week of the worst month of his life.

That's how the young midfielder describes the turbulent weeks leading up to his heartbreak decision to leave boyhood idols Everton and join Aston Villa.

Looking back to the time his contract at Goodison Park neared a close, Steve says: "The pressure on me was unbelievable. It was an awful time for myself and my family.

"I didn't know what I was going to do. I couldn't make up my mind," says the 21-year-old Liverpoolian, who joined Everton straight from school.

Steve admits that if 'The Toffeemen' had offered him the right sort of contract, he'd still be an Evertonian. He says: "I wasn't asking for the earth. All I wanted was to be on the same wages as the rest of the players.

"I was very disappointed that I couldn't come to an agreement with the club. I think I deserved what I was asking for, but they said 'no chance'.

"It was a terrible decision for me to make, because all my family are committed Everton supporters and I'll always be grateful to the club because they have done so much for me."

During his spell with the club Steve made 99 League appearances and was capped at England Under-21 level.

"I had three great years there. From the time I joined them as an 18-year-old I just haven't looked back, I'm sorry I had to leave this way, although there's no big rift between myself and the club."

Steve is confident that the players he's leaving behind can finally bring success to the club, which has had to live jealously in the shadows of mighty Liverpool.

Everton's last major success was winning the League Championship back in 1970. Since then Liverpool have taken the title seven times and the European Cup three.

"There's no doubt the players are under pressure from Liverpool, but there's no point

PAY DISPUTE PROMPTS McMAHON'S MOVE TO VILLA

worrying too much. It's just a matter of plodding away.

"I'm sure Everton will win a trophy soon and when they do, it could be the start of something big for them."

Fellow midfielder Kevin Sheedy is one of the players Steve tips to help Everton reclaim some of the glory from their arch rivals. He says: "He did a great job in his first season

with Everton and I don't think we've seen the best of him yet."

Steve admits it was a big wrench to leave the Everton supporters. He says: "They are fabulous. They helped make me the player I am today.

"Even though they haven't had any success over the last few years they've still turned up to support us in their thousands. They deserve to have something

to cheer about."

Steve turned down a dream chance of joining League Champions and Milk Cup holders Liverpool. They also put in a bid for the 21-year-old.

He explains: "I was thrilled to bits when I heard they wanted me. There's no doubt that Liverpool are the best club in the country, but I felt there would be so much more pressure on me if I joined them from Everton.

"There will be pressure on me to do well at Villa, but it would have been even greater if I had switched Liverpool clubs."

At £300,000 Steve is Aston Villa's second big money buy in recent months. On transfer deadline day, manager Tony Barton paid city neighbours Birmingham £100,000 for Alan Curbishley.

His forays into the transfer market are positive proof that the manager is intent on rebuilding the Villa side which won the League Championship and European Cup in the last three years.

"I'm excited by the prospect of playing for Villa and really looking forward to it. The club are ambitious for more success and I believe they can achieve it."



Alan Curbishley — Villa's first expensive midfield buy this year.

Left: Steve McMahon — turned down Liverpool to join Aston Villa.

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Cambridge

Manager: John Docherty.
Division: Two.
Position: 12th.
Points: 51.
Goals for: 42.
Against: 60.
Biggest win: 3-1 v Leicester.
Heaviest defeat: 0-6 v Chelsea.
Top scorers (League): George Reilly 10, Joe Mayo 6. FA Cup: Reilly, Mayo, Chris Turner 1 each. Milk Cup: Tom Finney, Derrick Christie 1 each.
Penalty king: None.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 4,532.
 Up or down: - 541.
Most League appearances: Jamie Murray 46, Steve Fallon 45.



Cardiff

Manager: Len Ashurst.
Division: Three.
Position: 2nd.
Points: 86.
Goals for: 76.
Against: 50.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Millwall.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Orient and Huddersfield.
Top scorers (League): Jeff Hemmerman 22, Dave Bennett 12. FA Cup: Hemmerman 2. Milk Cup: Roger Gibbins 3.
Penalty king: Hemmerman 3.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 7,023.
 Up or down: + 1,450.
Most League appearances: Gibbins 46, Hemmerman 44.



Carlisle

Manager: Bob Stokoe.
Division: Two.
Position: 15th.
Points: 48.
Goals for: 68.
Against: 70.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Bolton.
Heaviest defeat: 0-6 v Leicester.
Top scorers (League): Alan Shoulder 20, Malcolm Poskett 13. FA Cup: Poskett 2. Milk Cup: Gordon Staniforth, Jackie Ashurst and Russell Coughlin 1 each.
Penalty king: Shoulder, Staniforth 2 each.
Hat-tricks: Poskett 1.
Average home gate: 5,943.
 Up or down: + 1,534.
Most League appearances: Trevor Swinburne, Shoulder 46 each, Paul Haigh 44.



Charlton

Manager: Len Lawrence.
Division: Two.
Position: 17th.
Points: 48.
Goals for: 63.
Against: 86.
Biggest win: 5-2 v Chelsea.
Heaviest defeat: 1-7 v Burnley.
Top scorers (League): Derek Hales 14, Steve White 12. FA Cup: Hales, Martin Robinson 1 each. Milk Cup: Hales 2.
Penalty king: Hales 2.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 7,193.
 Up or down: + 545.
Most League appearances: Nicky Johns, Carl Harris 46 each, Les Berry 43.

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Chelsea

Manager: John Neal.
Division: Two.
Position: 18th.
Points: 47.
Goals for: 51.
Against: 61.
Biggest win: 6-0 v Cambridge.
Heaviest defeat: 2-5 v Charlton.
Top scorers (League): Mike Fillery 9, David Speedie 7. FA Cup: Fillery 2. Milk Cup: Speedie, Bryan Robson 2 each.
Penalty king: Fillery 5.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 12,728.
 Up or down: - 403.
Most League appearances: Steve Francis 37, Fillery, Chris Hutchings 36.



Chester

Manager: John Sainty.
Division: Four.
Position: 13th.
Points: 56.
Goals for: 55.
Against: 60.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Hereford.
Heaviest defeat: 0-5 v Blackpool (Milk Cup).
Top scorers (League): John Thomas 20, Gary Simpson 6. FA Cup: Mike Williams, Martin Lane 1 each. Milk Cup: Tom Sloan 1.
Penalty king: Thomas, Clive Wilson 1 each.
Hat-tricks: Thomas 1.
Average home gate: 1,903.
 Up or down: - 267.
Most League appearances: Thomas, Sloan 44 each, Lane 42.



Chesterfield

Manager: Frank Barlow.
Division: Three.
Position: 24th.
Points: 37.
Goals for: 43.
Against: 68.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Wrexham.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Portsmouth.
Top scorers (League): Martin Henderson 10, Dave Windridge 8. FA Cup: Phil Walker 3. Milk Cup: Windridge, Richard Dawson 1 each.
Penalty king: Calvin Plummer 4.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 3,251.
 Up or down: - 1,501.
Most League appearances: Bill Green 44, Gary Bellamy 42.



Colchester

Manager: Cyril Lea (caretaker).
Division: Four.
Position: 6th.
Points: 81.
Goals for: 75.
Against: 55.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Scunthorpe.
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Halifax.
Top scorers (League): Ian Allinson 22, Tony Adcock 17. FA Cup: None. Milk Cup: Allinson 2.
Penalty king: Allinson 7.
Hat-tricks: Adcock 1.
Average home gate: 2,552.
 Up or down: - 307.
Most League appearances: Allinson 46, Roger Osborne 45.



Coventry

Manager: Dave Sexton (since left).
Division: One.
Position: 19th.
Points: 48.
Goals for: 48.
Against: 59.
Biggest win: 4-0 v Man. City.
Heaviest defeat: 1-5 v Notts County.
Top scorers (League): Steve Whitton 12, Mark Hateley 9. FA Cup: Whitton, Hateley 2 each. Milk Cup: Jim Melrose 2.
Penalty king: Whitton, Steve Hunt 1 each.
Hat-tricks: Melrose 1.
Average home gate: 10,479.
 Up or down: -2,620.
Most League appearances: Gary Gillespie 42, Danny Thomas 41.



Crewe

Manager: Peter Morris (since left).
Division: Four.
Position: 23rd.
Points: 41.
Goals for: 53.
Against: 71.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Bristol City.
Heaviest defeat: 2-5 v Darlington.
Top scorers (League): David Waller 15, Andrew Evans 7. FA Cup: Mark Palios 1. Milk Cup: Steve Craven 1.
Penalty king: Nigel Walker 1.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 2,244.
 Up or down: +48.
Most League appearances: Steve Smith, Danny Bowers 46 each, Bob Scott 45.



Crystal Palace

Manager: Alan Mullery.
Division: Two.
Position: 14th.
Points: 48.
Goals for: 43.
Against: 52.
Biggest win: 4-1 v Derby.
Heaviest defeat: 1-4 v Carlisle and Grimsby.
Top scorers (League): Kevin Mabbutt 10, Paul Hinshelwood 7. FA Cup: Steve Lovell, Tommy Langley, Ian Edwards 1 each. Milk Cup: Hinshelwood, Edwards, Mabbutt 2 each.
Penalty king: Hinshelwood 2.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 9,848.
 Up or down: -532.
Most League appearances: Vince Hilaire 42, Jim Cannon 41.



Darlington

Manager: Billy Elliott.
Division: Four.
Position: 17th.
Points: 52.
Goals for: 61.
Against: 71.
Biggest win: 6-1 v Aldershot.
Heaviest defeat: 2-5 v Crewe and York.
Top scorer (League): Alan Walsh 18, David McLean 9. FA Cup: None. Milk Cup: Walsh 1.
Penalty king: McLean 2.
Hat-tricks: Kevin Todd 1.
Average home gate: 1,454.
 Up or down: -1,055.
Most League appearances: Kevan Smith, Walsh, McLean, Alan Kamara 46 each.

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Derby

Manager: Peter Taylor.
Division: Two.
Position: 13th.
Points: 49.
Goals for: 49.
Against: 58.
Biggest win: 5-2 v Halifax (Milk Cup).
Heaviest defeat: 0-4 v Leicester.
Top scorers (League): Dave Swindlehurst, Bobby Davison, 8 each. FA Cup: Kevin Wilson 2. Milk Cup: Swindlehurst 3.
Penalty king: Archie Gemmill 4.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 13,599.
 Up or down: +1,772.
Most League appearances: Mike Brolly 41, John Barton 39.

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Doncaster

Manager: Billy Bremner.
Division: Three.
Position: 23rd.
Points: 38.
Goals for: 57.
Against: 97.
Biggest win: 6-0 v Exeter.
Heaviest defeat: 3-6 v Wigan.
Top scorers (League): Glynn Snodin 12, Colin Douglas 7. FA Cup: Ian Snodin, Terry Austin, Stewart Mell, Gordon Owen 1 each. Milk Cup: Tommy Graham 1.
Penalty king: Ian Snodin, Glynn Snodin 2 each.
Hat-tricks: Ian Snodin 1.
Average home gate: 3,516.
 Up or down: -1,718.
Most League appearances: Billy Russell 40, Glenn Humphries 39.



Everton

Manager: Howard Kendall.
Division: One.
Position: 7th.
Points: 64.
Goals for: 66.
Against: 48.
Biggest win: 5-0 v Luton and Aston Villa.
Heaviest defeat: 0-5 v Liverpool.
Top scorers (League): Graeme Sharp 14, Kevin Sheedy 11. FA Cup: Sheedy, Sharp and Andy King 2 each. Milk Cup: King 2.
Penalty king: Sharp 4.
Hat-tricks: None.
Average home gate: 20,310.
 Up or down: -4,363.
Most League appearances: Sheedy 40, Mark Higgins 39.



Exeter

Manager: Brian Godfrey.
Division: Three.
Position: 19th.
Points: 54.
Goals for: 81.
Against: 104.
Biggest win: 5-1 v Preston.
Heaviest defeat: 1-7 v Brentford.
Top scorers (League): Steve Neville 18, Tony Kellow, Paul Rogers 10 each. FA Cup: None. Milk Cup: Kellow 1.
Penalty king: Kellow, Stan McEwan 1 each.
Hat-tricks: Neville 2.
Average home gate: 3,369.
 Up or down: -488.
Most League appearances: Len Bond 45, John Delve, Keith Viney 44 each.

ABERDEEN'S victory over Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden Park was an anti-climax.

We'd reached our peak in Gothenberg ten days before and were still on a high following our historic 2-1 victory over Spanish giants Real Madrid.

Until the Rangers game, I don't think the players realised just how much the European Cup Winners Cup success had taken out of us. We were all mentally and physically drained and it showed in our performance.

Rangers were the better side but, having said that, they didn't have one clear-cut chance. They played a lot of pretty football in front of us without actually causing any danger. Their front players didn't have enough pace to worry us.

We started off very well indeed but, after about half an hour, we visibly tired and the rest of the game was played at one pace.

I must admit that when we went into extra-time, I feared that the match would have to go to a replay. I dreaded that prospect because we had already played too many games in a season.

And, in the end, it was a scrappy goal which won it for us. With four minutes to go of extra-time, Bobby Russell made a mistake and gave the ball to midfielder Neil Simpson.

His ball found Mark McGhee wide on the right. Mark's shot was blocked and it looped into the penalty area where Eric Black was waiting to head it past Rangers' keeper Peter McCloy.

Even though we had won the Scottish Cup for the second year running, we were very disappointed with the way we played. We really wanted to turn on a super show for the fans.

Manager Alex Ferguson really tore into us after the game. He said that skipper Willie Miller and Alex McLeish had won the Cup for us.

Most of the players felt that his criticism was very harsh. Although we hadn't played to our capabilities, we'd still run our legs off and hadn't stopped battling.

In my view, Alex is the best manager in Britain, but he is liable to go over the top sometimes with his comments. However, he is big enough to admit when he's wrong and the following day he apologised to the players for having a go at us.

It would be unfair to judge our Scottish Cup win on that performance. After all, to lift the trophy you've got to win five games and we turned in good performances against Celtic in the Semi-Final, Partick Thistle and Hibernian.

Two trophies at the end of the season isn't a bad record, although we were very disappointed not to clinch the League title as well.

But we've had a fabulous season and immortalised the Aberdeen team. The 'Granite City' has never had a better side.

We all set our sights on winning in Europe. That was the big prize for us. Anything else was going to be a bonus.

Our success is reflected in the number of Aberdeen players who were included in the Scotland squad for the British Championship matches. As well as regulars like myself, Alex McLeish, Jim Leighton, and Willie Miller, Neil Simpson and Peter Weir were also called up.

It was great to see young Neil win his first cap against Northern Ireland at Hampden. It was a just reward for a fantastic season. I didn't make the starting line-up because Alex Ferguson asked manager Jock Stein to rest me.

I may be feeling tired but there's no way I wanted to miss Scotland's end of season games here or in Canada.

It took me two years to establish myself in the national side and I don't want to lose my place. It's important to make myself available when I'm picked.

But I'll be glad of the rest when I do finally hang my boots up for the season. I haven't had a proper rest from football for five years.

I'm planning to go to America for a couple of weeks with my son Gavin. After that, I'll

DONS LIFT CUP AND THEN GET... A ROCKET FROM THE BOSS!

take it easy pottering around at home.

The big news in Scotland at the moment is the decision by Celtic's prolific striker Charlie Nicholas to move south of the border. I'm disappointed to see him go.

He's only been on the Scottish scene a couple of years and it could have done him good to stay in the Premier Division for at least another season. It would harden him up and prepare him better.

But he obviously felt he needed another challenge so in that way it's better for him to go. It saves him getting bored at Celtic.

I've no doubt whatsoever that he'll be a success in the First Division. He's a class player and will score goals at any level.

From a personal point of view, his departure is good news for Aberdeen... at least he won't be scoring against us next season!



THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN

The Aberdeen and Scotland midfield star reflects on 'The Dons' latest Cup success and looks back on an exciting season North of the border.

The man who will take over Charlie's mantle in Scotland is our own Eric Black. The youngster has had a brilliant season.

Even though he played the last month with a niggling ankle injury, he scored some vital goals for Aberdeen.

I've never seen him look so tired as he did in the Scottish Cup Final against Rangers and yet he still managed to pop up and score the winner.

At the moment, Eric is in Mexico taking part in a youth tournament. When he returns from that he'll have earned a well-deserved rest.

Finally, my congratulations to Dundee United who clinched the Premier Division title for the first time in their history. It was a fantastic achievement.

I said at the beginning of the season that they would be a threat if they steered clear of injuries and they were unbelievably lucky on that score. They virtually won the Championship with a squad of 12.

Obviously they were helped by the fact that they only had the title to aim for. We were fighting a battle on three fronts and that meant playing at least twice a week.

But they thoroughly deserved the title and their success — along with ours — has once and for all crushed the Glasgow domination of Scottish football. That's got to be good for the game.

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

STAR GALLERY



"Kenny Dalglish (above) is the most gifted player in Britain." That's the opinion of Stephen Edwards (13) of W. Roby, Liverpool.

Left: Northern Ireland captain Martin O'Neill is doing a great job for his country as well as his club, says Ute Schreiber of Querenburger, Germany.

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Bas Wissing of Terborg, Holland, thinks that Jurrie Koolhof (below) deserves a place in the 'Star Gallery' because "he is a marvellous attacker and scored 21 goals last season".



Above: Manchester Utd's Remi Moses is a tremendous player says Adekunle Adegburioye of Ibadan, Nigeria.



TOP TEN QUIZ

- 1 Who took over as manager of Rotherham from Emlyn Hughes?
- 2 Who scored Aberdeen's winner in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final?
- 3 Which European club has Arsenal's Vladimir Petrovic joined?
- 4 Which Italian club does Joe Jordan play for?
- 5 Who was the Fourth Division striker who scored five goals against Halifax last month?
- 6 How many times have Wimbledon been promoted from the Fourth Division in the past six years?
- 7 Which Scottish club set a new goalscoring record in the Premier Division this season?
- 8 Who were the losing Semi-Finalists in the Scottish FA Cup?
- 9 Which club ended the season with the best home record in the Football League?
- 10 Name Swansea's young goalkeeper who has replaced Dai Davies?

Spot the Scot

Unravel the jumbled up letters below to reveal a top player North of the Border.

MEIL THOJING

SOCCER SCRIBE

IMAGINE you are a football reporter and your editor asks you to cover three FA Cup replays on neutral grounds.

The only information you have is the nickname of each club and the name of the grounds. Can you tell who is playing who and where?

- 1 The Bees v The Hornets at Dean Court.
- 2 The Seagulls v The Baggies at The Valley.
- 3 The Irons v The Blades at Boundary Park.



MASKED MAN

THIS week's masked man is captain of Worcestershire county cricket side but he also skips a Third Division Football League side. Do you know who he is?

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- *A Liverpool shirt signed by Graeme Souness.
- *A Man. Utd shirt signed by Steve Coppell.
- *An Aberdeen shirt signed by

Gordon Strachan.

*An Arsenal shirt signed by Graham Rix.

*Or an Ipswich shirt signed by Paul Mariner.

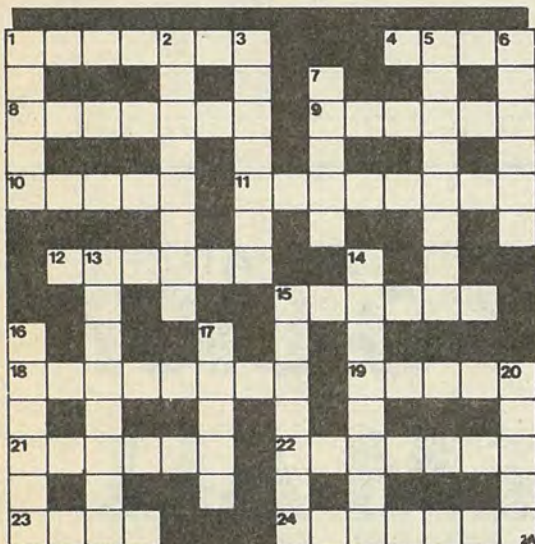
All you have to do is identify our mystery star from the pictures (left).

When you think you know who it is, write your answer on the special entry form — together with your name, address, chest size and stating your choice of shirt.

Send your entries to: 'Mystery Personality' Competition, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

Entries close on Friday, June 10 and results will appear in the June 25 issue of Match.

Good luck!



SOCCERWORD ACROSS

1. & 4. Some headgear for Bobby Robson's boys (7,4)
8. One of those chaps whose job it is to score goals (7)
9. An --- tackle will result in a free-kick (6)
10. Material of which shinguards, say, may be made (5)
11. A common kind of free-kick (8)
12. Geoff ---, powerful-sounding inside-forward who represented Arsenal, Liverpool and Coventry (6)
15. Tasty-sounding defender who has spent the last nine years at Newport (6)
18. The home Park of Stirling Albion (8)
19. Midfielder who joined Brighton from Bolton in 1980 and in recent months has been on loan to Leeds and to Portsmouth (5)
21. He was Footballer of the Year between Mullery and Hughes (6)
22. Derek Bell has rung up several goals for this club over the season (7)
23. Nottingham Forest's nickname (4)
24. Popular ex-player regularly seen as a soccer speaker on independent television (7)

DOWN

1. 'Omens' (anagram) — Paul has made over 100 appearances for Derby (5)
2. He managed West Bromwich Albion between Allen's two spells (8)
3. Attacker Malcolm played around 100 games for each of Blackburn, Rochdale and Chesterfield — he also helped Norwich, Bolton, Wednesday and others (7)
5. Players who aren't paid for playing (8)
6. 'T---traps' (anagram) — Tommy played up front for several clubs (6)
7. --- MacLeod the Celtic man (5)
13. Defender Neil represented Northampton, Southend and Bournemouth (8)
14. Goalkeeper who won the first of his many 1 & 4 across when he played against Wales in 1972 (8)
15. You'll often see a linesman carrying one (3,4)
16. Forward Phil who switched from Chesterfield to Rotherham during the season doesn't sound like a fast mover! (6)
17. Mr Burns, maybe (5)
20. Extra cash handed out for winning a match (5)



Left: Graeme Souness — win a Liverpool shirt personally autographed by the Liverpool skipper... or choose any of the other top 'Match' columnists.

ENTRY FORM

Answer

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STOP THE ACTION

HERE'S a goal from a First Division game in 1981-82. Can you name the two teams, the two number fives, and the goalscorer (on ground)?



MATCH 'EM UP

THE following five phrases are each associated with the favourite other sports of five top stars. Can you match them up correctly?

- 1 Tight on the cushion
- 2 Three-year-old maiden
- 3 Waggle-fished maggot
- 4 Punched five iron
- 5 Short square leg

- a) Bryan Robson (horse racing)
- b) Keith Bertschin (angling)
- c) Allan Evans (golf)
- d) Mark Chamberlain (cricket)
- e) Terry Butcher (snooker)

SOLUTIONS

TOP TEN QUIZ: 1 George Kerr; 2 John Hewitt; 3 Antwerp; 4 AC Milan; 5 Dale Barton (Aldershot); 6 Three; 7 Dundee United; 8 St Mirren and Celtic; 9 York; 10 Chris Sander.
STOP THE ACTION: Coventry v Ipswich; Paul Dyson (Coventry) and Russell Osman (Ipswich); John Wark (Ipswich).
SOCCERWORD: Across: 1 & 4 England caps; 8. striker; 9. unfair; 10. nylon; 11. indirect; 12. Strong; 15. Hellish; 18. Anfield; 19. McNab; 21. Keegan; 22. Lincoln; 23. Reds; 24. Greaves. Down: 1. Emson; 2. Aikinson; 3. Darling; 5. amateurs; 6. Spratt; 7. Murdo; 13. Townsend; 14. Clemence; 15. red flag; 16. Walker; 17. Kenny; 20. bonus.
MATCH 'EM UP: 1/e; 2/a; 3/b; 4/c; 5/d.

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HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

ITALY

Division One (one game left)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Roma	29	15	11	3	44	23	41
Juventus	29	14	10	5	48	25	38
Inter Milan	29	10	15	4	39	25	35
Verona	29	11	12	6	35	29	34
Florentina	29	12	9	8	36	25	33
Udinese	29	6	19	4	24	28	31
Sampdoria	29	8	14	7	29	28	30
Torino	29	9	12	8	29	25	30
Genoa	29	6	15	8	32	34	27
Avellino	29	8	11	10	28	33	27
Pisa	29	8	10	11	27	27	26
Naples	29	6	14	9	21	29	26
Cagliari	29	6	14	9	23	31	26
Ascoli	29	8	9	12	30	37	25
Cesena	29	4	14	11	22	34	22
Catanzaro	29	2	9	18	20	54	13

Division Two (leading positions)

(5 games left)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AC Milan	33	15	15	3	64	31	45
Lazio	33	12	16	5	37	23	40
Cremonese	33	12	15	6	36	26	39
Catania	33	11	16	6	30	16	38

FRANCE

Leading positions (four games to play)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nantes	34	21	9	4	66	23	51
Bordeaux	34	19	7	8	63	42	45
Paris S.G.	34	17	7	10	56	43	41
Monaco	34	12	15	7	48	29	39
Lens	34	16	7	11	56	50	39

HOLLAND

(one game to play)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	33	25	6	2	100	36	56
Feyenoord	33	21	10	2	69	35	52
PSV Eindhoven	33	20	9	4	79	34	49
Groningen	33	11	15	7	66	54	37
Sparta	33	11	13	9	61	52	35
Haarlem	33	13	8	12	47	51	34
Sittard	33	11	11	11	36	42	33
Roda	33	12	9	12	53	50	32
Excelsior	33	13	6	14	44	45	32
AZ 67	33	11	8	14	49	39	30
Utrecht	33	10	9	14	49	57	29
PEC Zwolle	33	10	7	16	40	56	27
Go Ahead	33	8	11	14	41	58	27
Willem II	33	9	8	16	49	59	26
Helmond Sp.	33	8	9	16	42	68	25
NAC Breda	33	6	12	15	37	72	24
Twente	33	6	11	16	34	60	23
NEC Nijmegen	33	4	14	15	32	58	22

W. GERMANY

(4 games left)	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hamburg	30	17	11	2	68	29	45
Werder Bremen	30	20	5	5	66	34	45
Bayern Munich	30	16	9	5	67	24	41
Stuttgart	30	16	8	6	69	42	40
Cologne	30	15	9	6	62	35	39
Kaiserslautern	30	13	12	5	50	35	38
B. Dortmund	30	16	5	9	68	45	37
Frankfurt	30	11	5	14	44	46	27
Fortuna	30	9	8	13	52	70	26
Nuremberg	30	10	6	14	39	58	26
Bielefeld	30	10	6	14	39	64	26
Bochum	30	7	11	12	33	42	25
Leverkusen	30	8	8	14	36	59	24
Brunswick	30	7	10	13	32	56	24
B. M'gladbach	30	9	4	17	50	54	22
Hertha Berlin	30	5	9	16	36	54	19
Schalke 04	30	6	6	18	42	63	18
Karlsruhe	30	6	6	18	34	76	18

UNITED STATES

Eastern Division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
New York Cosmos	4	2	2	11	7	19
Montreal	2	1	1	3	7	9
Toronto	2	1	1	3	3	9
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0

Southern Division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ft. Lauderdale	4	1	3	8	8	11
Tulsa	2	1	1	4	4	10
Tampa	3	1	2	5	7	10
Team America	1	1	0	1	0	4

Western Division

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Vancouver	2	2	0	5	1	17
Seattle	2	1	1	2	1	8
Golden Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0	0

AJAX PLAYERS LASH OUT

CRUYFF IS 'TOO BIG FOR HIS BOOTS'

JOHAN Cruyff is set to leave Ajax amid accusations from his team-mates that the Dutch superstar had become too bossy.

"Cruyff was getting on everybody's nerves. He wasn't even captain and yet he wanted to be boss on and off the field," says one of the players bitterly. "He thought he knew better than anyone else and all we heard from him was criticism. He wanted everything done his way and that's impossible in a team sport."

"Our chief coach, Aad de Mos will listen to anybody, but not the way Cruyff has been ranting and raving."

The club confirm that they won't be renewing the 36-year-old's contract. Chairman Ton Harmsen says: "Cruyff is free to go where he likes. We will not discuss a lengthening of his contract."

Cruyff, who helped the Amsterdam club win the European Cup three years running in the early 1970's, says: "I very much wanted to finish my career with Ajax but the board do

not want me to stay."

It is no secret that Cruyff and his chairman are not the best of friends and it is claimed that Harmsen deliberately snubbed the player following Ajax's Dutch FA Cup Semi-Final victory over PSV.

The chairman is said to have gone round the dressing room to shake hands with each player. When he came to Cruyff he simply walked straight past him without making a single comment.

The club were also angry at the former Dutch international's

demands for next season. It is understood he wanted around £350,000 to play.

There is now speculation that he could travel down the road to Rotterdam and see out his time with arch rivals Feyenoord.

The Ajax fans don't seem to be too happy about the impending departure of their favourite and they let their feelings be known by staying away from the first leg of the Dutch Cup Final against NEC.

Cruyff was suspended for the game and just 7,000 people bothered to turn up!

BIG JOE MAY FIND THREE'S A CROWD

SPECULATION is mounting that Scottish international Joe Jordan could be on his way from AC Milan.

Following the signing of Belgian World Cup captain Eric Gerets, Milan now have three foreigners and as the rules stand, they are only allowed two.

The third import is another Belgian international — 27-year-old midfielder Ludo Coeck.

And German midfielder Uli Stielike is still trying to decide

whether to move to Milan from Real Madrid!

So it could be pastures new for former Manchester United favourite Joe, who has scored ten goals this season as Milan chase the Second Division Championship.

Meanwhile 29-year-old defender Eric Gerets — capped 46 times by his country — leaves Standard Liege to pick up a reputed £120,000 signing-on fee along with his three year contract and an option of a further two years.

Still in Italy, it's predicted that a number of Brazil's World Cup stars could be heading for the lira this summer.

Says Brazilian midfielder Roberto Falcao — already playing in Italy with League Champions Roma:

"My friends Zico, Socrates, Cerezo and Junior have all shown great interest and could well be on the move."

"I like playing out here and I'm sure they would too... but they wouldn't come to Italy for peanuts."

The players' interest in the Italian League was sparked off by

INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE

the live transmission of the Roma — Avellino game on Brazilian television last month (May).

One of the big attractions was the appearance of Falcao, who was one of the outstanding players in the Brazilian side in last year's World Cup Finals in Spain.

■ **CANADA-BOUND** Roberto Bettega won his forty-second cap for Italy against Rumania to equal the appearance record of the great Gigi Riva.

● **ENGLAND fly out to Australia on Monday (June 6) for three matches against the national side. The dates are: June 12 (Sydney), June 15 (Brisbane) and June 21 (Melbourne).**



Joe Jordan — set to leave AC Milan this summer?

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match weekly masterclass

THE role of a full-back in modern football has undergone a revolution in the past few years and preceded by England pioneers like Terry Cooper, Arsenal's Kenny Sansom has developed into the country's best attacking full-back, taking the role into a new era at both club and international level.

The virtual extinction of wingers has enabled players like Kenny to exploit space down the flanks, and as a result, they form important tactical and creative offensive elements in their team's armoury.

Kenny has never lost sight of the fact that prevention of goals is far more important than creation from a full backs point of view, but he also realises what a useful attacking foil he can be in the absence of a winger.

The England left-back was always encouraged to be adventurous during his early days at Crystal Palace, and since then both Arsenal and England have been reluctant to cramp his style.

"Although I started off as a goalkeeper at school, I was always wanting to get into the action when I finally settled into a full-back role," explains Kenny, who has forged an almost telepathic understanding with Graham Rix on the Arsenal left.

"When I was with Palace, both Terry Venables and Malcolm Allison continually preached at me to get forward whenever possible, but I have never lost sight of the fact that my first duty is to prevent goals being scored.

"Although full-backs are expected to do so much more these days in linking up with the attack and getting to the bye-line as much as possible, they are in the team primarily to defend.

"Obviously I don't get forward so often if I have a winger to mark, but they have been few and far between in recent years, although there appears to be more coming on the scene these days.

"Knowing when to go comes from experience. It's no use bounding forward in every attack and leaving yourself exposed at the back. At Arsenal, I'm lucky to have Graham Rix just ahead of me. He covers when I go, and he also provides me with space down the left touchline by cutting inside.

"I probably don't do so much attacking for England because I feel you are more likely to be exposed at that level against top class players.

"It's all about getting involved in the game. If you

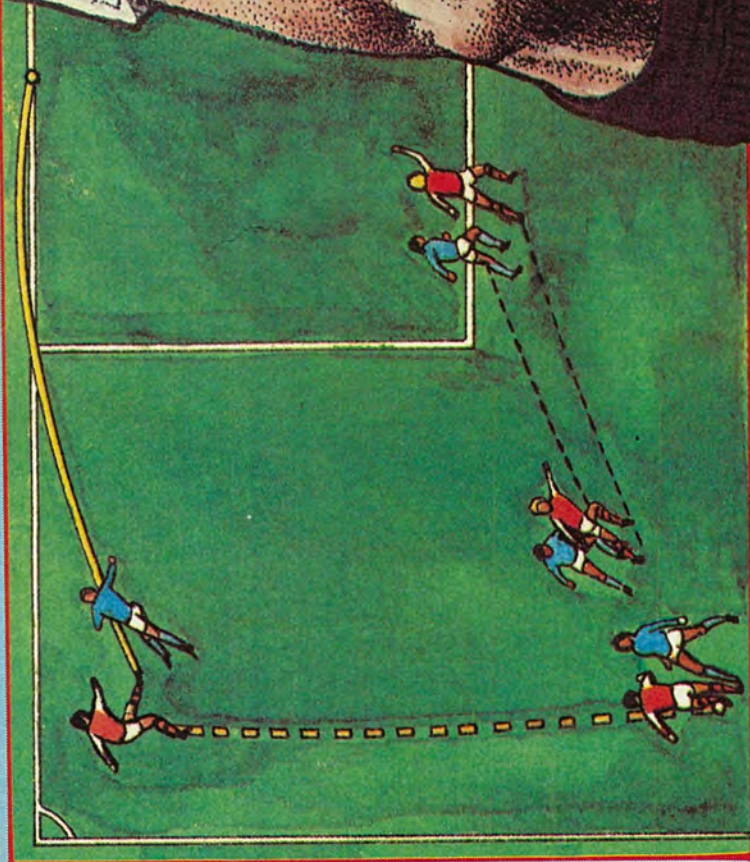


GRAHAM RIX

enjoy getting forward then it's just a matter of timing your runs and making sure you have cover.

"I suppose in many respects I might be termed as a frustrated winger. I know I was disappointed last season not to score a goal, and I had to withstand plenty of stick from the lads for that!"

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KENNY SANSOM

ENGLAND'S Graham Rix appreciates the value of having an attack-minded player like Kenny Sansom operating with him on the Arsenal left.

"If you are in trouble and are looking for support, you can nearly always guarantee that Kenny will be available on the left touchline," says Graham.

"He's so adventurous that in some matches he spends more time attacking than I do, but he's a useful player to have bounding down the left because he has the ability to beat players and get over telling crosses.

"But because he's always going forward people don't consider his defensive qualities. The truth of the matter is that if he couldn't defend then there is no way he would be regarded as the top left-back in the country."

ALAN Devonshire, West Ham's action-packed midfield stylist, is last season's final First Division 'Matchman of the Month'.

The England international rounded off the campaign on a top note, starring in three of the Hammers' final four matches as they just failed to qualify for Europe.

West Ham won three of their last four games, but a 3-1 home defeat by Arsenal ended their hopes of playing in next season's UEFA Cup.

'Dev' averaged 8.25 in those four games to pip Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle — the 'Match Weekly' columnist showing glimpses of his best form towards the end of his injury-hit season — and West Brom's

England full-back Derek Statham, who both finished with an 8.00 rating.

Then came Yugoslavian international Vladimir Petrovic, rather ironically for Arsenal fans in view of his move to Belgian club Antwerp after only a few months at Highbury.

■ **FORMER** England captain Kevin Keegan, who inspired Newcastle's late run to within a whisker of promotion, is our Second Division winner — earning the highest average mark of any player last month.

The pocket-sized dynamo was Newcastle's star man in their last three matches, finishing with an impressive rating of 8.33.

That left him clear of Grimsby's Bob Cumming, whose mark of 8.00 might have won him the award in any other month.

■ **FOR** the second time, we have a dead heat in our awards with

Lincoln goalkeeper David Felgate and Preston full-back Joe Hinnigan sharing the Third Division honour.

David, now established as the number two Welsh goalkeeper behind Everton's Nev Southall, and former Sunderland defender Joe finished with an average rating of 8.00 from the same number of matches and with the same number of star ratings.

Cardiff striker Dave Bennett also achieved the same mark and two star ratings, but didn't manage a mark of nine.

So David and Joe will each receive an inscribed plaque as joint Third Division winners for May.

■ **STEVE** Cammack, whose 25 goals last season paved the way for Scunthorpe's promotion from Division Four, took the divisional honour to the Old Show Ground for the second time.

The former Chesterfield, Sheffield United and Lincoln

striker scored three goals in the last four matches as Allan Clarke's side collected ten vital points to send them back into the Third Division after a ten-year absence.

But it was a close-run thing with Steve pipping Port Vale winger Steve Fox and Blackpool defender Terry Pashley — each of them earning an average mark of 8.00. Terry had the same number of star ratings as Steve but played one game fewer.

■ **ABERDEEN'S** Willie Miller, who led the side to their superb European Cup Winners' Cup triumph over Real Madrid, has retained the Scottish Premier Division award.

Following his success in April, the Scotland defender averaged 8.00 in Aberdeen's last three League matches to finish well clear of Dundee's Iain Ferguson and Pittodrie team-mate John McMaster.

DEV-ASTATING!

ALAN'S LATE FLOURISH WINS IT



Steve Cammack — 25 goals.

MATCHMAN OF THE MONTH

DIVISION ONE

Player	Games	Ave.
Alan Devonshire (West Ham)	4	8.25
Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham)	4	8.00
Derek Statham (West Brom)	3	8.00
Vladimir Petrovic (Arsenal)	4	7.75
Kevin Sheedy (Everton)	3	7.66
Colin Walsh (Nott'm Forest)	3	7.66
Mike Thomas (Stoke)	3	7.66
Paul Bracewell (Stoke)	3	7.66
Ian Atkins (Sunderland)	3	7.66

DIVISION TWO

Kevin Keegan (Newcastle)	3	8.33
Bob Cumming (Grimsby)	3	8.00
Clive Walker (Chelsea)	3	7.66
David Harvey (Leeds)	3	7.66
Tony Mowbray (M'brough)	3	7.66
Simon Stainrod (QPR)	4	7.50

PRESENTING our final 'Matchman of the Month' awards for 1982-83.

The honours are based on individual player ratings for League matches during May included in our exclusive 'Match Facts' section.

A player must figure in at least three League matches for one club during the month to qualify.

DIVISION THREE

David Felgate (Lincoln)	3	8.00
Joe Hinnigan (Preston)	3	8.00
Dave Bennett (Cardiff)	3	8.00
Dave Mehmet (Gillingham)	3	7.66
Dean White (Millwall)	3	7.66
Kenny Mower (Walsall)	3	7.66
Kevin Langley (Wigan)	3	7.66
Joe Cooke (Bradford)	3	7.66
Phil Wilson (Huddersfield)	3	7.66
Alan Gowling (Preston)	3	7.66

DIVISION FOUR

Steve Cammack (Scunthorpe)	4	8.00
Steve Fox (Port Vale)	4	8.00
Terry Pashley (Blackpool)	3	8.00
Alan Kamara (Darlington)	4	7.75
Glyn Hodges (Wimbledon)	4	7.75

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Willie Miller (Aberdeen)	3	8.00
Iain Ferguson (Dundee)	3	7.66
John McMaster (Aberdeen)	3	7.66

Left: Alan Devonshire — ended the season in style by collecting our First Division 'Matchman of the Month' award with some stirring performances for West Ham.



City fans will hope and pray that

● **City's scores first.**

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Colin Russell —
lethal in the box.

By Mick Buxton

‘AT the beginning of the season, I had 13 players and was forced to play apprentices and trialists in the first team.

But I refused to be panicked or pressured into buying players. I decided it was best to bide my time and wait until the people I wanted were available.

And in just one week in September, I signed Colin Russell from Liverpool, Steve Doyle from Preston and Daral Pugh from Doncaster. That trio set the promotion ball rolling.

The new faces freshened the club up and we went from strength to strength.

I'm not one for sticking my neck out and making predictions in public, but I did tell my players at the beginning of the year that we would get promotion to the Second Division.

There's a tremendous atmosphere at Leeds Road now.



Mick Buxton — always believed Huddersfield would win promotion.

I've got a club that works together and players who get on well with each other. You need

BUXTON'S



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR FOOTBALL CLUB

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'Junior Spurs' club will be starting during the Close Season, in time for the commencement of the new Season. The membership will be open to boys and girls between the ages of 0 to 16.

Membership details will be announced during the Close Season and will include:-

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Reduced admission to First Division matches played at Tottenham.

Free admission to Football Combination and Youth matches played at Tottenham and Cheshunt.

Organised tours of White Hart Lane.

Regular meetings when films and quiz contests will be arranged and members will have the opportunity to meet players and officials of the Club.

Our aim is to provide an exciting new club for junior Spurs, hopefully the supporters of the future.

A small membership fee will be charged and will be announced shortly which will also include a registration fee. Membership will also be available to overseas supporters. Membership forms can be obtained by post, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, from:-

Peter Day, c/o Junior Spurs, Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, 748 High Road, Tottenham N17 0AP.

BRIAN COX: Portsmouth's Alan Knight may have grabbed all the headlines, but Brian was the best goalkeeper in the Third Division last season. He was tremendous.

As a team, we didn't start to play until the middle of September, but he kept us in so many games it was unbelievable. For a young lad (22) he's got good concentration. His only weakness is his distribution.

MALCOLM BROWN: If other players' opinions mean anything then Malcolm is the best right-back in the lower divisions. For the last three years, he's been included in the PFA's Division Three team.

Malcolm is a very consistent performer and holds the club record for consecutive appearances. His main strength is his ability to go forward and take people on. He's a tall lad but not very good in the air. He's okay dealing with crosses but it's the straight stuff — like kicks from the 'keeper — which let him down.

DAVID BURKE: Former England youth international. I thought Bolton were foolish to let me have him on a free two years ago after he'd played nearly 70 games in the First and Second Division.

Perhaps they thought they couldn't get the best out of him but, with plenty of encouragement and a few rollickings from me, he's matured into a very good player. The 22-year-old full-back is

excellent going forward and has a great left foot.

DAVE SUTTON: My skipper. He's as brave as a lion and has a big heart. Dave is one of the few players who was at the club before I joined — that's how highly I rate him!

The centre-half is a tremendous competitor although he lacks pace. He has to be careful not to get exposed.

KEITH HANVEY: A player I rate very highly indeed. He has tremendous pace — which helps to make up for Dave's lack of it.

The two central defenders complement each other perfectly because Keith is a left-footed player, while his skipper is right-footed.

Dave Cowling — his work-rate is unbelievable.



'MY TEAM' is a great new series where winning managers talk frankly about their teams with fascinating player-by-player profiles.

It's a series you won't want to miss so place a regular order for 'Match' with your newsagent by filling in the order form on Page 3 of this week's issue.

This week the 'My Team' spotlight falls on Second Division bound Huddersfield and manager Mick Buxton does the talking...

My Team

HUDDERSFIELD

Below: Huddersfield defender David Burke (right) takes on Sheffield United's Alan Young. "Bolton were foolish to let me have David on a free transfer. He's matured into a very good player," says Mick Buxton.

that to have a successful side.

The Second Division is a trip into the unknown so I'm not going to make rash predictions. There are a lot of big clubs at the higher level and it's going to be tough.

But Huddersfield are one of the biggest clubs in the country. There aren't many teams who can boast winning the League Championship three years on the trot. You can't get much better than that.

Let me introduce you to the 'new' Huddersfield...



BUNCH!

BRIAN STANTON: Capable of scoring between 15 and 20 goals in a season and that's quite an achievement for someone who plays wide on the right. His goals aren't simple knock-ins. They are usually spectacular efforts from long range. He can strike a ball with both feet.

Brian, who joined us from Bury, is a little grafter. He works hard and is a good tackler. He's another lad who has got tremendous pace.

DAVID COWLING: Work-rate seems to be a dirty word these days, but I believe you've got to graft in professional football and the effort David puts in is unbelievable.

He does a great job up and down the left flank. He has vision and the ability to make the ball go where he wants it to. He used to take some stick from the crowd, but he proved what a strong character he is by battling through that.

STEVE DOYLE: He was playing first team football for Preston when he was 16. I look at some midfielders in the top two divisions and think that they can't hold a candle to this lad.

He has very good skill, can see openings and can be hard when he needs to be. He should really score more goals. He tends to roll the ball off instead of having a shot himself.

PHILIP WILSON: Has enjoyed a cracking season. Philip covers so much ground in midfield. One minute he'll be supporting the attack and the next he'll be

sweeping up in defence.

The 22-year-old has proved a bargain since joining on a free from Bolton at the same time as David Burke. But he is his own worst enemy when he's got time. He struggles when he is on the ball and there's no-one near him.

COLIN RUSSELL: Signed from Liverpool in September and settled straight into our pattern. In the penalty box, Colin is lethal. He keeps his head and finishes very well.

Towards the end of the season, he went through a lean spell and he really should have improved on his 17-goal tally. But he didn't let the goal drought worry him. He is only 21 so has time to develop into an even better player.

MARK LILLIS: A very versatile player. He turned out in goal for us last season... and we still won! He also played centre-half and did a marvellous job.

But it's up front where he has been most effective and he

finished the season with 19 goals. It's incredible to think I only pushed him up there because we were struggling. Although he is a big strong lad, he has a very good touch.

DARAL PUGH: He has had to be satisfied with the number 12 shirt since joining us from Doncaster in September. He has played well but the form of Brian Stanton has denied him a regular place in the side.

A Welsh Under-21 international, Daral is very quick and direct.

KEVIN STONEHOUSE: I bought him from Blackburn just before the transfer deadline with next season in mind. Kevin has experience of the Second Division and that will help the rest of the team.

Another versatile player, he is equally at home wide on the left, in midfield, or up front.

KEITH MASON: Our reserve goalkeeper. He only played one

game last season but he's the man who keeps Brian Cox on his toes.

Brian knows he can't afford to slip because Keith has the ability to take his chance if and when it arises.

Mark Lillis — 19 goals for Huddersfield.



TOP THAT!

TONY'S WEST BROM COLLECTION REACHES 7,000

MIDLANDS schoolmaster Tony Matthews claims to have the largest collection of one-club programmes in the world.

And that's no idle boast when you consider that he has around 7,000 West Brom programmes among his massive collection of 350,000, accumulated during the past thirty years.

He has every Albion home programme, first team and reserve, from 1905, and every away issue since 1930, plus a number of single sheet productions that were common place around the beginning of the century.

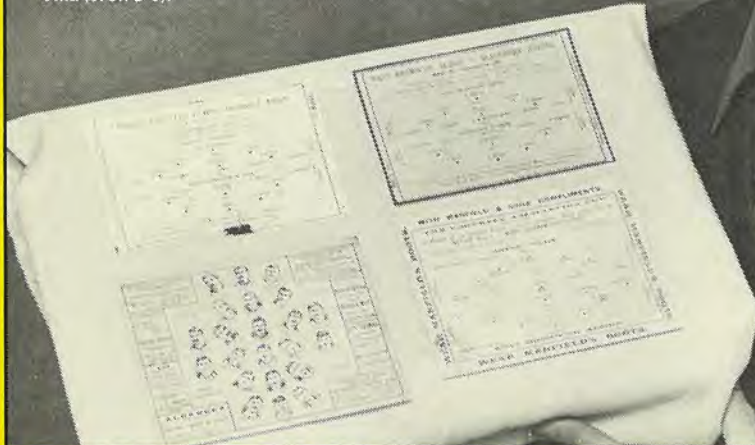
His collection includes four of Albion's FA Cup Final programmes from the 1880's and 1890's, literally single sheets of paper that are now worth around £200 each, and the four programmes from China when Albion became the first British professional club to visit that country in 1978.

With every FA Cup Final played at Wembley since 1923, it's little wonder his outstanding collection was valued at £11,000 some four years ago but, of course, it's priceless to the man who has been the West Brom statistician for the past twenty years.

It all started for Tamworth-based Tony during his infant school days when Albion reached the 1954 FA Cup Final.

Albion used to play at the

Tony Matthews with four of West Brom's pre-1900 FA Cup Final programmes — worth around £750 the set! They are from 1886 against Blackburn (lost 2-0 after a replay), 1888 against Preston (won 2-1), 1895 against Aston Villa (lost 1-0) and 1892 against Villa (won 3-0).



school in their early days and, as a result, the caretaker had collected some programmes.

"We had an exhibition featuring West Brom in the school at the time of the Cup Final and, knowing that I was interested in the club and their programmes, the caretaker handed me them afterwards. That started me on the way towards this collection,"

explains, Tony, who also runs a charity team of old West Brom players including Derek Kevan, Bobby Hope, Tony Brown, Graham Lovatt and Stan Jones.

"Then, around 1960, a former Albion director left a lot of programmes in the club and I was fortunate enough to obtain them. There were around 4,000 going right back to 1905 and, since then, I have been able to obtain one of each of the programmes printed by the club

from that date.

"Being involved in the writing of the West Brom programme since the middle-sixties, I have been able to fill in the gaps in my collection through contacting old West Brom players.

"For example, Bobby Blood, who is 90, let me have 200 of his programmes from the 1920 era, and that's how I have gradually built up the collection.

"I have also bought some over the years. I paid £110 four years ago for the 1895 Albion v Aston Villa Cup Final played at the old Crystal Palace, and another of Albion's old finals was included in a batch of £500 worth I purchased."

One of his rarest programmes is the 1883 Staffordshire Senior Cup Final between Stoke and Albion. "I believe it's the oldest programme in existence featuring two current First

Division teams."

He also has a full war-time collection of Albion home programmes. Again it's rare.

"They only used to print around 200 during the war because gates at that time were limited to 3,000 because of conditions governing control of crowds in confined spaces in case of attack."

And he's also proud of his collection of four Chinese programmes brought back for him by Ron Atkinson's players five years ago.

"Three out of the four are just single sheets like tissue paper and printed in Chinese, but the other one, featuring a match against the Chinese National side in Peking, is a twenty-page glossy effort."

But Tony's collection won't stop at 350,000. His next ambition is to complete a full set of Albion programmes from season 1919-20, which was the only time the club has won the First Division Championship.

"I've got every home game from that season, but have only managed to get hold of four away programmes. So I need another 17 from somewhere, but I'll keep on trying."

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

■ ONE of the highlights of the year on any programme collector's calendar occurs this Saturday with the ninth International Football Programme Fair and Exhibition in London.

The fair is being staged at The Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, from 11am to 4pm, and an auction is scheduled from 3.30pm to close the event.

"We are hoping it will be the biggest and best so far," says David Stacey, one of the leading officials of the Football Programme Directory, who organise the event.

Entry to this major programme collectors' event costs 60p on the day, although advance tickets cost 30p.

ASK THE EXPERT

HERE are some more programme valuations.

● 1961 Birmingham v Blackburn (40p); 1963 Birmingham v Bury, League Cup, Semi-Final (£1.75); 1961-62 C. Palace v Real Madrid (35p); 1964 Gillingham v Walsall (30p); 1959 Nott'm Forest v Man. United (50p) — for D. C. Lambert, of Mill Hill, London.

● 1967 FA Cup Final, Chelsea v Tottenham (£4); 1954-55 Brentford v Southampton (£1); 1958-59 Luton v Everton (50p); 1959-60 Arsenal v Blackburn (50p); — Andrew Stevenson, Peacehaven, Sussex.

● 1935 Charlton v QPR (£12); 1935 West Ham v Southampton (£12); — Michael Dennis, Welling, Kent.

PROGRAMME PARADE

'PROGRAMME PARADE' will be operating right through the summer. So keep sending in your programme swaps and 'Ask the Expert' letters regarding programme valuations, but remember we can only deal with three or four valuations per inquiry. And if you have a collection that you feel might be of general interest to other readers, then let us know. Send your letters to: 'Programme Parade', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton Court, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DZ.

● 1946 Everton v Portsmouth (£3.50); 1946 Everton v Bolton (£3.50); 1960 FA Cup Final, Blackburn v Wolves (£4.50); 1957 Brazil v Portugal (£1.25); 1962 Rangers v Motherwell, Scottish Cup Semi-Final (85p); 1981 European Cup Final, Liverpool v Real Madrid (£2.75) — Robert Evans, Huyton, Merseyside.

● 1948 Scotland v England (£7.00); 1954 England v West Germany (£4.50) — S. J. Green, Nottingham.

● 1951-52 Arsenal v Liverpool (£1.50); 1962-63 Arsenal v Tottenham (40p) Niclas Tag, Finland.

● 1968 Man. United v Estudiantes, World Club Championship (30p); 1965 Liverpool v Chelsea, FA Cup Semi-Final (£2.50); 1967 Chelsea v Leeds, FA Cup Semi-Final (£2.50); 1966 Chelsea v Sheff. Wed. FA Cup Semi-Final (£2.50); 1965 Aston Villa v Chelsea, League Cup Semi-Final (£5) — Richard O'Neill, Coulsdon, Surrey.

Paul Sturrock

Dundee United
and Scotland



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Fourth Division Champions WIMBLEDON

BACK ROW (left to right) — Wally Downes, Steve Ketteridge, Mick Smith, Dave Beasant, Stewart Evans, Steve Hatter, Paul Fishenden, Mark Morris.

FRONT ROW — Steve Galliers, Glyn Hodges, Gary Peters (captain), Kevin Gage, Brian Sparrow, Dean Thomas.



THROUGH 'Match', I would like to pay tribute to two fantastic professionals, each coming towards the end of long and distinguished careers.

They are Bradford's 37-year-old goalkeeper Neil Ramsbottom and 35-year-old Les Chapman. Both are model professionals and have shown unswerving devotion to the club.

Football needs more players of their calibre.

Bev Dove, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

SOME of our larger grounds, especially Wembley and Hampden, should install giant video screens — like the one in operation at Twickenham — so that fans can see instant action replays of the more exciting episodes of the game.

I'm sure this would be a great success.

Julian Adams (13), Birmingham, West Midlands.

LAST year, in Terrace Talk, I tipped a Scottish team for European success. Therefore, I'm naturally euphoric after Aberdeen's great victory over Real Madrid in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final.

In fact, congratulations are also due to 'Match', who tipped a Scottish club for European glory in a feature called 'Scottish Uprising'.

I'm sure you'll join me in adulation of 'The Dons' and even a sip of 'champers' wouldn't go amiss!

Jim Alexander, Ardrossan, Ayrshire.

● **A SIP of champers? When we get a prediction right at 'Match', we open a case of the stuff!**

THE Pen Pal service 'Match' provides is great. Through 'Match', I have found a great friend — Steven Simpson of Lincoln — and we plan to meet in the summer. Thanks.

Jennifer Doughty, Tipton, West Midlands.

WHILST watching the European Cup Winners' Cup Final on TV the other night something really got on my nerves . . . and it wasn't Real Madrid's boring play either!

It was that diabolical Spanish bloke who was beating that huge drum.

TERRACE TALK

WELCOME to the best read letters page in football . . . with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published.

Yes, throughout the season we'll be giving away a super metal lapel badge (pictured) to every person whose comments are published in 'Match' and each badge will carry that special 'Terrace Talk' logo.

It's a prize that money can't buy and one could be yours!

Plus we will be giving a prize of £10 for what we consider to be the star letter of the week and, of course, the sender will also receive a 'Terrace Talk' badge.

So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends.

Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.



I'd come in from a hard day at school — which included a Maths exam in the morning — expecting to put my feet up and enjoy a good game of football. But no . . . that drum drove me up the wall and sent the goldfish into a frenzy.

Still, well done Aberdeen. Anyone who can play good football and win a cup final with that din going on, certainly deserves a medal.

Sue Tsang, Worthing, West Sussex.



Cyrille Regis — top of the form.

MY classroom poll to find the schoolkids' favourite player produced this result:

- 1 Cyrille Regis — 6 votes.
 - 2 Kenny Dalglish — 4.
 - 3 Graeme Souness — 3.
 - 4 Eddie Gray — 2.
 - 5 Ian Rush, Glenn Hoddle — 1.
- Michael MacHale, Cabinteely, Eire.*

WOULD anyone in my area like to accompany me to Chelsea matches next season. Tel: Loughborough 266079.

Paul Clarke, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

WHAT a sad indictment of English football in general and Arsenal in particular, that the 'Gunners' have seen fit to release Vladimir Petrovic. Is there no room for skill, control and vision in the First Division today?

Petrovic has certainly not been a flop with the Arsenal fans. They took him to their hearts when they saw the insulting sight of such a gifted player wasting away on the substitutes' bench.

Perhaps Arsenal chiefs Terry Neill and Don Howe were deaf to the chants for Petrovic and the buzz of excitement that went round Highbury when the talented Yugoslav was called into the action.

West Ham recently felt the full range of Petrovic's skills when he tore them apart at Upton Park with a superb virtuoso performance.

Sadly, Petrovic joins other talented Arsenal misfits — Marinello, Kennedy, George and Hudson — who were all allowed to leave a club more concerned with fielding a team of ball-winners and tacklers than providing entertainment.

Mrs Sheila Bush, Hackney, London.

I HAVE supported Everton for 11 years and have always rated Bob Latchford the best centre-forward I've seen at Goodison.

Imagine my surprise when I read in 'Star View' that former Everton striker Peter Eastoe rated Graeme Sharp a better all-round player than Bob.

I admit that Sharp is faster than Latchford and may possess the better shot but, when it comes down to the business of scoring goals Latchford wins hands down.

I noticed that Eastoe rates Sharp a better header of the ball. That's hard to believe when you think that when Latchford scored 30 goals in the 1977-78 season, most of them were with his head.

All in all, I don't think Sharp has been a very good replacement for 'Big Bob'.

C. Roper, Childwall, Liverpool.

LUTON were one of the few teams to play exciting, attacking football in the First Division and I was relieved that they managed to avoid relegation by winning at

Manchester City.

It would have been a great loss to Division One if Luton had gone down.

B. Banks, Rothsay Place, Bedford.

● **BUT don't you feel sad for Manchester City?**

FOOTBALL writers have never stopped bragging about England's inexhaustible supply of world class goalkeepers. So why have only three 'keepers been voted Footballer of the Year in the past 35 years?

Bert Trautmann and Gordon Banks were two, and the other was Pat Jennings ten years ago.

Muhammad Hasnol, Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia.

● **THE same could be said of defenders. It's always star strikers and midfielders that attract the votes.**



Paul Mariner — England need him.

I FEEL it is a great loss to England that Paul Mariner has ruled himself out of international football until next season because of nagging injuries.

The table 'Match' included showing the striking rate of England's recent forward partnerships proved that Paul is an invaluable member of the team.

Players like Peter Withe, Tony Woodcock, Luther Blissett and Trevor Francis do not possess Paul's all-round ability.

I hope his injuries clear up soon. England badly need Paul Mariner in the attack.

K. S. Sandhu, Lewisham, South London.

No, Minister!



I WAS appalled to read the outburst from Minister of Sport, Neil McFarlane, condemning Kenny Dalglish for kicking the ball into the crowd during the Milk Cup Final.

McFarlane was making a mountain out of a molehill. Kenny has been a terrific servant to the game. He is a great player, sets a wonderful example to youngsters and should not be attacked for such a minor incident.

Nick King (14), Sydenham, London.

● **McFARLANE'S attack on Dalglish only succeeded in making himself look ridiculous.**

ANDY GRAY emerged from the international wilderness after an absence of 18 months vowing: "I won't let Jock Stein down."

"I've never doubted that I'm one of the best finishers in the country and now I have the chance to prove it."

His call-up to the Scotland squad for the British Championship and the three-match tour of Canada later this month came at the end of a season which saw Andy book his ticket back to the First Division with rejuvenated Wolves.

He admits: "Being recalled by Jock Stein is really the icing on a beautifully balanced cake — especially after being out of the international scene for so long."

"My career's been in limbo while I've been playing in the Second Division but I felt I would return when I got back in the top flight."

"I've always had confidence in my own ability and I'm out to prove the manager right in selecting me."

Prior to this year's British Championship matches, Andy made his last appearance for Scotland

against Northern Ireland in October 1981 and he admits: "While I always knew I would get back in the reckoning some time, I didn't expect a call-up quite this soon."

"When Jock Stein rang me at home to ask me if I was interested in joining up with the squad I was naturally delighted, but at the same time I was a bit surprised."

"I wasn't expecting to stake a claim until next season."

"For the first time in five or six years, I had taken little interest in the international scene and my only plans at the end of the season were to get away for a while."

"Previously I had never been able to plan a holiday because I always thought I might be included in the squad, but this time it was the furthest thing from my mind."

"People may say that I've got in through the back door because of the

absence of Kenny Dalglish. That may be so, but now I've got the opportunity, I'm determined to make the most of it."

Scotland took on England at Wembley earlier this week, when Andy was hoping to line up against the old rivals for the first time.

"I came on as substitute against England three years ago at Hampden

but I've never played a full game," he says.

"The last time I played at Wembley was in the League Cup Final for Wolves against Nottingham Forest three seasons ago."

"We won 1-0 and I scored the only goal against England 'keeper Peter Shilton. I was hoping that might prove to be a lucky omen."

Andy has had his fair share of injury problems over the last few seasons, which have not helped his claims for a regular place in the Scottish squad.

But now he is hoping for a clear run. "I missed a few games earlier in the season but, since then, I've had little or no trouble and it has showed in my performances for Wolves," he says.

"I haven't scored as many goals as I would have liked but generally I've been pleased with my form and my contribution to the side."

"I played a slightly different role at the club for most of last season and did a lot more work outside the penalty box."

"The last few games I played more as an out-and-out striker and the goals started to go in again... I think that's the role Jock Stein saw me playing for Scotland."

"He had me watched a couple of times last season and fortunately, on those occasions, I played quite well."

Andy was named in a squad which contained only a handful of Anglo-Scots. "I think that's a clear indication of the progress Scottish football has made and proves what class players there are North of the border," he says.

"For many years people have said that English football is better than Scottish, but the performances of teams like Aberdeen and Dundee United in European competitions dispel that."

"It doesn't surprise me to see so many players from Scottish clubs in the squad and they will play a major role in putting us back on the international soccer map."

Andy Gray — out of the international wilderness and determined to make the most of his chance.

**'I
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LET
JOCK
DOWN'**

**—ANDY
GRAY**

■ **ANDY GRAY** is one of only three Anglo-Scots in the Scotland squad for the tour of Canada which starts on June 12. The full squad is: Leighton (Aberdeen); Thomson (St Mirren), Dawson (Rangers), Gough (Dundee Utd), Gray F. (Leeds), McLeish (Aberdeen), Hegarty (Dundee Utd), Aitken (Celtic), Miller (Aberdeen), Narey (Dundee Utd), Bett (Rangers), Strachan (Aberdeen), Souness (Liverpool), Burns (Celtic), Nicholas (Celtic), Sturrock (Dundee Utd), Gray (Wolves), Weir (Aberdeen).

Div 1

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home results and
down for away
results.

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BIRMINGHAM	2-1	3-0	—	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	2-2	1-2	3-0	1-1	0-4	0-2	1-4	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	3-0
BRIGHTON	1-0	0-0	1-0	—	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-2	2-4	0-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	1-2	3-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-1
COVENTRY	0-2	0-0	0-1	2-0	—	4-2	1-1	0-0	4-2	4-0	3-0	1-0	1-2	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-4
EVERTON	2-3	5-0	0-0	2-2	1-0	—	1-1	0-5	5-0	2-1	2-0	3-0	3-1	1-1	2-0	3-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	1-0	0-0	2-0
IPSWICH	0-1	1-2	3-1	2-0	1-1	0-2	—	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	2-3	2-1	2-3	4-1	3-1	1-2	3-1	6-1	1-2
LIVERPOOL	3-1	1-1	1-0	3-1	4-0	0-0	1-0	—	3-3	5-2	0-0	5-1	4-3	0-2	5-0	5-1	1-0	3-0	3-0	3-1	2-0	3-0
LUTON	2-2	2-1	3-1	5-0	1-2	1-5	1-1	1-3	—	3-1	1-1	5-3	0-2	0-1	3-3	0-0	1-3	3-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-2
MAN. CITY	2-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-2	0-0	0-1	0-4	0-1	—	1-2	0-1	1-2	4-1	2-0	1-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-0	2-1	2-0
MAN. UTD	0-0	3-1	3-0	1-1	3-0	2-1	3-1	1-1	3-0	2-2	—	4-0	2-0	3-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	0-0	2-1
NOTTS CO.	1-0	4-1	0-0	1-0	5-1	1-0	0-6	1-2	1-1	1-0	3-2	—	3-2	2-2	1-2	4-0	0-1	0-0	3-0	3-2	2-1	1-2
NOTT'M FOR.	3-0	1-2	1-1	4-0	4-2	2-0	2-1	1-0	0-1	3-0	0-3	2-1	—	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-0	2-1	2-2	2-0	0-0	1-0
NORWICH	3-1	1-0	5-1	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	0-1	—	1-1	4-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	1-3	1-1
SOUTHAMPTON	2-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-2	0-1	3-2	2-2	4-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	4-0	—	1-0	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-4	4-1	3-0
STOKE	2-1	0-3	1-1	3-0	0-3	1-0	1-0	1-1	4-4	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	—	0-1	4-1	2-0	4-0	0-3	5-2
SUNDERLAND	3-0	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-3	0-0	1-1	3-2	0-0	1-1	0-1	4-1	1-1	2-2	—	1-1	0-1	2-2	1-1	1-0
SWANSEA	1-2	2-1	0-0	1-2	2-1	0-3	1-1	0-3	2-0	4-1	0-0	2-0	0-3	4-0	3-2	1-1	3-0	—	2-0	1-3	2-1	1-5
TOTTENHAM	5-0	2-0	2-1	2-0	4-0	2-1	3-1	2-0	2-2	1-2	2-0	4-2	4-1	0-0	6-0	4-1	1-1	1-0	—	0-1	1-1	2-1
WATFORD	2-1	2-1	2-1	4-1	0-0	2-0	2-1	2-1	5-2	2-0	0-1	5-3	1-3	2-2	2-0	1-0	8-0	2-1	0-1	—	3-0	2-1
WEST BROM	0-0	1-0	2-0	5-0	2-0	2-2	4-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	3-1	2-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	3-0	3-3	0-1	1-3	—	1-2
WEST HAM	1-3	2-0	5-0	2-1	0-3	2-0	1-1	3-1	2-3	4-1	3-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	3-2	3-0	2-1	0-1	—

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Div 3

	BOURNEMOUTH	BRADFORD	BRENTFORD	BRISTOL RVS	CARDIFF	CHESTERFIELD	DONCASTER	EXETER	GILLINGHAM	HUDDERSFIELD	LINCOLN	MILLWALL	NEWPORT	ORIENT	OXFORD	PLYMOUTH	PORTSMOUTH	PRESTON	READING	SHEFF UTD	SOUTHEND	WALSALL	WIGAN	WREXHAM
BOURNEMOUTH	—	2-2	4-3	0-0	3-1	2-1	2-2	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	3-0	0-1	2-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	4-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	1-1
BRADFORD	2-3	—	0-1	2-0	4-2	1-0	1-0	3-3	1-1	3-1	1-1	0-0	4-2	2-3	3-2	4-0	2-2	1-2	3-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-0
BRENTFORD	2-1	0-2	—	5-1	1-3	4-2	1-0	4-0	1-1	1-0	2-0	1-1	2-0	5-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	3-1	1-2	2-1	4-2	2-3	1-3	4-1
BRISTOL ROVERS	1-1	4-1	2-0	—	1-1	3-0	2-0	4-4	2-1	1-0	1-2	4-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-0	5-1	3-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-0	4-0	4-0
CARDIFF	1-1	1-0	3-1	3-1	—	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	3-2	2-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	2-0	4-1	3-1	3-2	1-2
CHESTERFIELD	0-0	3-0	2-1	0-0	0-1	—	3-3	1-3	1-2	0-1	1-3	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-0	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-0	5-1
DONCASTER	2-1	1-2	4-4	1-2	2-2	0-0	—	6-0	0-2	0-4	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-3	0-1	2-2	0-2	2-0	7-5	2-0	0-0	1-3	3-6	1-1
EXETER	4-2	2-1	1-7	0-1	0-2	2-3	3-0	—	2-2	3-4	3-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	3-1	1-0	1-1	5-1	2-2	0-3	4-3	4-3	2-1	3-3
GILLINGHAM	2-5	3-0	2-2	1-0	2-3	3-1	1-1	4-4	—	1-3	0-2	1-0	2-0	4-0	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	0-2	1-0	3-0	0-2	1-1
HUDDERSFIELD	0-0	6-3	2-0	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-0	1-1	3-2	—	1-1	5-1	1-0	6-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	4-1
LINCOLN	9-0	1-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	5-1	4-1	3-1	1-2	—	3-1	1-4	2-0	1-1	1-2	0-3	3-0	4-0	3-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-0
MILLWALL	2-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-4	1-1	3-0	5-2	4-1	3-0	2-1	—	3-0	0-1	2-1	2-2	0-2	1-0	1-1	1-2	3-1	2-1	2-0	1-1
NEWPORT	5-1	1-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-0	2-2	—	4-1	1-2	2-2	0-3	3-0	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	4-0
ORIENT	5-0	0-1	3-3	1-5	4-0	2-0	1-0	5-1	2-0	1-3	1-1	2-3	1-5	—	1-5	0-2	2-1	2-1	3-3	4-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	0-0
OXFORD	2-0	5-1	2-2	4-2	2-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-3	2-2	—	1-1	1-1	3-2	1-2	0-0	1-0	4-2	2-0	2-0
PLYMOUTH	2-0	3-1	2-0	0-4	3-2	2-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	2-1	0-2	3-1	2-4	2-0	2-1	—	0-1	1-1	3-0	3-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	2-0
PORTSMOUTH	0-2	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	4-0	2-1	3-2	1-0	3-2	4-1	2-0	1-2	2-2	1-0	2-1	—	3-1	2-2	4-1	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0
PRESTON	0-1	0-0	3-0	2-2	2-1	1-1	4-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-2	0-0	2-1	1-2	2-2	0-0	—	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	4-1	3-0
READING	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	1-2	0-0	2-0	3-1	0-0	1-1	1-1	3-3	4-2	3-0	0-3	3-2	1-2	2-3	—	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-0
SHEFF. UTD	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-0	3-1	3-1	3-0	0-2	2-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	—	0-1	3-1	2-0	2-0
SOUTHEND	0-0	1-1	4-2	1-0	2-1	2-0	3-2	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-4	1-1	1-2	3-1	4-0	2-3	4-2	3-1	—	1-1	2-0	2-2
WALSALL	3-1	1-1	2-1	5-0	1-2	0-1	1-0	3-2	0-0	2-0	1-1	4-0	2-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-3	2-1	2-1	0-0	1-3	—	2-0	1-1
WIGAN	1-2	3-2	3-2	0-5	0-0	2-2	0-3	1-0	2-2	2-0	2-1	3-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	0-1	0-1	2-2	3-2	4-0	1-3	—	3-1
WREXHAM	1-0	0-4	3-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	0-1	4-3	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-3	0-2	3-1	4-0	4-1	3-2	4-0	1-1	—

Div 2

	BARNLEY	BLACKBURN	BOLTON	BURNLEY	CAMBRIDGE	CARLISLE	CHARLTON	CHELSEA	C. PALACE	DERBY	FULHAM	GRIMSBY	LEEDS	LEICESTER	MIDDLESBROUGH	NEWCASTLE	OLDHAM	Q.P.R.	ROTHERHAM	SHEFF. WED	SHREWSBURY	WOLVES
BARNLEY	—	2-2	3-1	3-0	2-3	2-2	0-0	1-1	3-1	1-1	4-3	4-0	2-1	1-2	2-0	0-5	1-1	0-1	2-1	0-0	2-2	2-1
BLACKBURN	1-1	—	1-1	2-1	3-1	3-2	2-0	3-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	2-1	0-0	3-1	1-1	1-2	2-2	1-3	3-0	2-3	1-0	2-2
BOLTON	0-2	1-0	—	3-0	2-0	1-0	4-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	2-3	3-2	2-2	0-2	1-4	0-1
BURNLEY	3-1	0-1	0-0	—	2-1	4-1	7-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-2	2-4	1-1	1-0	1-2	2-1	1-2	4-1	1-2	0-1
CAMBRIDGE	1-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	—	1-1	3-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	3-1	2-0	1-0	1-4	1-4	2-0	2-2	0-0	2-1
CARLISLE	1-1	3-1	5-0	1-1	2-2	—	4-1	2-1	4-1	3-0	3-2	2-3	2-2	0-1	1-3	2-0	0-0	1-0	2-2	4-2	2-3	0-2
CHARLTON	3-2	3-0	4-1	2-1	2-1	0-0	—	5-2	2-1	1-1	3-0	0-1	0-1	2-1	2-3	2-0	4-1	1-3	1-5	0-3	0-1	3-3
CHELSEA	0-3	2-0	2-1	2-1	6-0	4-2	3-1	—	0-0	1-3	0-0	5-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-2	2-0	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-0
C. PALACE	1-1	2-0	3-0	1-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	0-0	—	4-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	0-2	1-0	0-3	1-1	2-0	2-1	3-4
DERBY	1-1	1-2	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-1	—	1-0	2-0	3-3	0-4	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-0	3-0	0-0	2-3	1-1
FULHAM	1-0	3-1	4-0	3-1	1-1	2-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	—	4-0	3-2	0-1	1-0	2-2	0-3	1-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-3
GRIMSBY	1-2	5-0	1-0	3-2	1-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	4-1	1-1	0-4	—	1-1	2-0	0-3	2-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-1
LEEDS	0-0	2-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	1-1	1-2	3-3	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-0	—	2-2	0-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	2-2	1-2	1-1	0-0
LEICESTER	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-0	6-0	1-2	3-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	0-1	—	1-0	2-2	2-1	0-1	3-1	0-2	3-2	5-0
MIDDLESBROUGH	2-0	1-5	1-0	1-4	0-1	1-0	3-0	3-1	2-0	2-3	1-4	1-4	0-0	1-1	—	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-0
NEWCASTLE	1-2	3-2	2-2	3-0	2-0	2-2	4-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-4	4-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	—	1-0	1-0	4-0	2-1	4-0	1-1
OLDHAM	1-1	0-0	2-3	3-0	3-0	4-3	2-2	2-2	2-0	2-2	1-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	3-0	2-2	—	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-0	4-1
Q.P.R.	3-0	2-2	1-0	3-2	2-1	1-0	5-1	1-2	0-0	4-1	3-1	4-0	1-0	2-2	6-1	2-0	1-0	—	4-0	0-2	4-0	2-1
ROTHERHAM	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-0	1-0	2-2	1-1	0-1	3-0	0-1	1-3	1-1	1-5	1-3	0-0	—	0-3	0-3	1-1
SHEFF. WED	0-1	0-0	3-1	1-1	3-1	1-1	5-4	3-2	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	2-3	2-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	—	0-0	0-0
SHREWSBURY	3-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	—	0-2
WOLVES	2-0	2-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	2-1	5-0	2-1	1-0	2-1	2-4	3-0	3-0	0-3	4-0	2-2	0-0	4-0	2-0	1-0	2-2	—

RESULTS 1982-83

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	ALDERSHOT	BLACKPOOL	BRISTOL CITY	BURY	CHESTER	COLCHESTER	CREWE	DARLINGTON	HALIFAX	HARTLEPOOL	HEREFORD	HULL	MANSFIELD	NORTHAMPTON	PETERBOROUGH	PORT VALE	ROCHDALE	SCUNTHORPE	STOCKPORT	SWINDON	TORQUAY	TRANMERE	WIMBLEDON	YORK
ALDERSHOT	—	2-1	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	1-6	6-1	0-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-0	1-4	6-4	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-3
BLACKPOOL	4-1	—	1-4	1-1	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-0	0-0	1-2	5-1	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-3	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-1
BRISTOL CITY	2-0	0-0	—	2-1	0-0	0-2	2-1	2-2	3-0	2-0	1-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-0	1-3	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-1	0-1	1-0	4-2	2-2
BURY	3-1	4-1	2-2	—	3-2	1-0	0-1	3-0	2-0	4-0	3-2	2-3	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	3-2	0-0	3-0	3-0	1-3	2-1
CHESTER	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	—	1-1	1-0	2-3	2-0	2-1	5-0	0-0	1-3	2-1	1-1	1-0	5-2	1-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1
COLCHESTER	0-0	4-1	3-1	2-1	1-0	—	4-3	2-2	1-0	4-1	3-2	0-0	2-0	3-1	1-0	1-2	4-1	5-1	3-0	1-0	1-0	3-3	3-0	0-0
CREWE	0-0	3-1	4-1	3-3	3-2	0-1	—	2-5	1-1	3-0	3-1	0-3	1-2	1-0	0-3	1-2	1-1	0-1	3-0	3-0	1-1	0-1	0-2	2-1
DARLINGTON	1-1	0-1	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-3	1-1	—	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	0-0	2-0	4-3	0-0	3-0	0-1	3-1	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-2	1-3
HALIFAX	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-0	0-0	4-0	0-3	2-0	—	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-0	2-0	1-2	0-2	0-0	3-1	1-0	1-0	3-0	1-2	1-1	2-2
HARTLEPOOL	1-1	2-1	3-1	0-1	1-0	1-4	1-0	2-0	1-2	—	0-1	0-0	0-4	2-1	0-0	2-2	3-0	0-0	3-2	1-2	0-2	4-0	1-0	2-0
HEREFORD	2-1	0-0	1-3	0-2	5-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	—	2-0	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-0
HULL	2-2	3-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	3-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	—	2-2	4-0	4-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	7-0	0-0	4-1	0-1	1-1	4-0
MANSFIELD	4-1	2-1	1-1	1-4	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	3-0	0-1	3-1	—	2-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	2-2	2-2
NORTHAMPTON	1-1	2-1	7-1	0-3	1-1	2-1	4-0	3-3	3-1	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	—	0-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	2-3	0-1	2-0	1-0	2-2	1-1
PETERBOROUGH	0-0	3-1	3-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	4-0	1-1	3-2	2-0	—	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	4-3	1-3	3-0	0-3	2-2
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GEORGE Wood is convinced that a sending off cost him his career at Arsenal.

The Scotsman looked as though he had finally won his marathon battle with the great Pat Jennings for the goalkeeper's jersey at Highbury.

He had been a regular in the first team for a year, when disaster struck. He got sent off against Aston Villa in December for committing a 'professional' foul.

He says: "I was playing better than I had done for a long time and it looked as though Pat was going to leave Arsenal. He'd had talks with a number of clubs.

"But while I was suspended, Pat came in and did very well. He signed a new deal at Highbury and I knew my days were numbered," says George, who has moved to Crystal Palace on a free transfer.

George joined Arsenal from Everton for £150,000 in August 1980 and made 60 League appearances for 'The Gunners', but he admits: "I'm a bit disappointed things didn't work out better.

"I was always under pressure

because it's so difficult to displace a legend and Pat was very popular with the fans. He didn't get criticised as much as me.

"If I made a mistake it was like the end of the world. My errors were blown up more," he says.

But George is quick to deny allegations that he was a target of the Highbury boo-boys. He says: "A lot of rubbish was written in the national newspapers about me and the crowd.

"They made it sound much worse than it was. In fact I thought I had quite a good relationship with the fans at Highbury."

George, who started his League career at Blackpool, has no regrets about the move to Arsenal. He explains: "It was worth going

there just to work with Bob Wilson alone."

Former Arsenal star Bob, who is now a television commentator, regularly coaches the goalkeepers at Highbury.

"Bob taught me a lot and I'm a much better player because of him. He helped improve my attitude. I'm more dedicated now.

"I'm sure that the training methods at Arsenal have put another three or four years on my career. The coaches there showed me how to look after myself properly."

His spell with the North London giants also brought him to the attention of Scotland manager Jock Stein and he was a member of their World Cup squad last summer. "That was a great thrill," says George.

Now the 30-year-old is looking forward to a new career at Selhurst Park and he says: "I didn't have any second thoughts about joining them.

"I'd said to a friend a few weeks before the club came in that I'd like to move to Palace, so I was delighted when manager Alan Mullery phoned. It took me just 30 minutes to tie up the details."

George did receive offers from a couple of First Division clubs, but he explains: "They weren't as big as Crystal Palace.

"Palace may be going through a lean spell at the moment but football goes in cycles and I'm convinced they will be in the First Division very soon.

"My ambition is to help them back there next season. The potential is here and the management are very ambitious to bring back the glory days."

George isn't worried about dropping into the Second Division. He says: "I don't look at it that way. The Second Division boasts so many big clubs that it's like another First Division.

"It's going to be harder than the top flight because there are so many good sides around. With the likes of Chelsea, Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield Wednesday and Derby it's very competitive."

George is also confident that his old team Arsenal will be successful next season. "If they can add consistency to their game, there is no reason why they can't challenge Liverpool.

"The lads were disappointed last season, because man for man they are as good as any team in the First Division. Lack of consistency — especially at home — cost them dearly.

"Players like Alan Sunderland, David O'Leary, Tony Woodcock and Kenny Sansom are class players and there are some good youngsters breaking through too.

"Colin Hill and full-back John Kay came into the side towards the end of the season and were outstanding."

By Anthony Hawkswell

'A sending off cost me the Arsenal job'

—George Wood

Left: George Wood — lost his battle with Pat Jennings for the Arsenal goalkeeper's jersey.

Right: Northern Ireland international Pat Jennings — he once looked set to leave Highbury.



ALTHOUGH the dreaded penalty shoot-out ended home hopes of winning the European Youth Championship, skipper Barry Venison claims: "There wasn't a better team than England in the tournament."

Added the Sunderland defender, who led England to third place behind France and Czechoslovakia: "The main difference was that some of the other teams had better individual players with more flair."

"We felt we could go all the way after opening up with victories over Spain and Scotland but, after our defeat by Russia, I think we were brought back to reality."

"Even so, we thought before the Semi-Final against Czechoslovakia that we could still win the title, but we missed a couple of penalties in the shoot-out after a 1-1 draw and that was that."

"There were a few tears in the dressing room after that defeat. I know it was the better of two evils. At least we didn't lose in the match proper, but that was little consolation after working so hard for close on a year with this Championship in mind."

England raised themselves to claim third place from Italy, ironically on penalties, after another 1-1 draw.

"They were probably the best side in the competition from an individual point of view and I think we did well to hold them to a 1-1 draw. A lot of people

ENGLAND KIDS IN TEARS

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thought that we would meet each other in the Final after the qualifying rounds.

"I certainly learned more from that game than I would probably learn in five years in the First Division, what with all the Italian antics off the ball, like spitting and kicking, but it was all good experience and we knew what to expect."

"We were more than satisfied with third place in the end. At least we got something out of all the hard work, although it was pretty sickening watching France lift the Cup."

"I was the fifth and last penalty

taker against Italy and, after they had missed an early kick, it looked as though it might all depend on me with the final kick. I can tell you my knees were knocking at the thought of that, but Ian Andrews made a second penalty save, and my kick wasn't necessary."

Although Leicester's young 'keeper was the hero of the hour in his first appearance, Barry singles out Coventry goalkeeper Perry Suckling as possibly England's most impressive player throughout the tournament.

"He kept us in the hunt in several matches. Swindon's Paul Rideout had a good tournament up front, and there were battling displays in midfield from Notts County's David Clarke and Aston Villa's David Norton," he says.

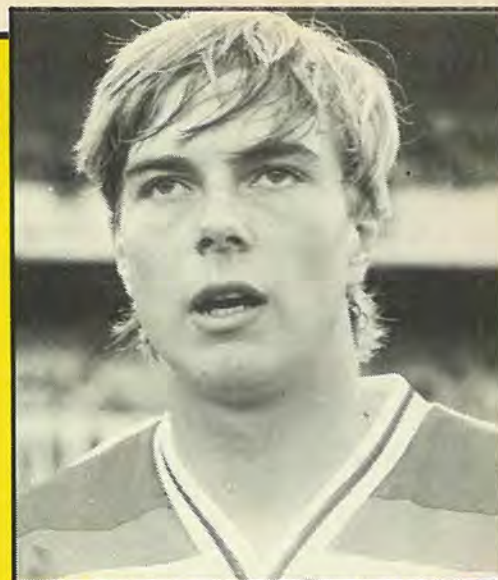
Another pleasing aspect for the England youngsters was the

4-2 group victory over Scotland, who were the defending champions. "That was a game we desperately wanted to win and I think we built ourselves up to fever pitch for that one. We would have been happy with a 1-0 result, but to be 4-0 up at one stage was unbelievable. Stoke's Ian Painter took most of the credit there with two goals," says Barry.

"I don't think we were up to the same mental pitch against the Russians, because we went in the game knowing we were virtually through to the Semi-Finals barring a disaster."

"Against the Czechs in the Semi-Finals, we were certainly second best in the first half, but after we had equalised through David Clarke, we took control and might have won it before the penalty decider."

Barry Venison — "We felt we could go all the way and there were a few tears in the dressing room."



ALL THE DETAILS

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: Czechoslovakia 3, West Germany 1 (at Burnley); Bulgaria 1, Sweden 0 (Preston); Czechoslovakia 0, Bulgaria 0 (Oldham); West Germany 1, Sweden 0 (Bolton); Czechoslovakia 1, Sweden 1 (Old Trafford); West Germany 3, Bulgaria 1 (Everton).

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Czech.	3	1	2	0	4	2	4
W. Germany	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Bulgaria	3	1	1	1	2	3	3
Sweden	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: Yugoslavia 2, Rumania 0 (Aldershot); Italy 1, Turkey 1 (West Ham); Yugoslavia 0, Italy 2 (C. Palace); Rumania 6, Turkey 0 (Reading); Yugoslavia 3, Turkey 1 (Watford); Rumania 0, Italy 2 (Orient).

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	2	1	0	4	1	5
Yugoslavia	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Rumania	3	1	0	2	6	4	2
Turkey	3	0	1	2	2	9	1

GROUP THREE

RESULTS: England 1 (Clarke), Spain 0 (at Stoke); Scotland 3 (Dick 2, Clark), USSR 0 (West Brom); England 4 (Painter 2, Sinnott, Rideout), Scotland 2 (Robertson 2) (Birmingham); Spain 1, USSR 0 (Shrewsbury); England 0, USSR 2 (Villa Park); Spain 1, Scotland 1 (Clark) (Wolves).

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Scotland	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Spain	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
USSR	3	1	0	2	2	4	2

GROUP FOUR

RESULTS: Finland 1, France 3 (Huddersfield); Eire 1, Belgium 0 (Sheff. United); Finland 0, Eire 0 (Barnsley); France 3, Belgium 1 (Nott'm Forest); Finland 4, Belgium 0 (Sheff. Wed); France 1, Eire 1 (Leeds).

Final Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
Eire	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Finland	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Belgium	3	0	0	3	1	8	0

SEMI-FINALS

ENGLAND (0) 1 (Norton)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 1 (Skuhravy)
(at Highbury) — Czechs won 4-2 on penalties.

England: Suckling (Coventry), Venison (Sunderland), Spearing (Norwich), Norton (Aston Villa), Humphries (Doncaster), Kerslake (QPR), Rideout (Swindon), Clarke (Notts County), Mills (Sheff. Wed.), Painter (Stoke), Sinnott (Walsall).
FRANCE 1, ITALY 0 (at Stamford Bridge).

THIRD/FOURTH PLACE PLAY-OFF

ENGLAND (1) 1 (Clarke) ITALY (1) 1 (Baldieri) (at Watford) — England won 4-2 on penalties.

England: Andrews (Leicester), Venison, Spearing, Norton, Humphries, Kerslake, Rideout, Clarke, Mills, Painter, Sinnott.

FINAL

FRANCE (0) 1 (Reuzeau)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA (0) 0 (at White Hart Lane).

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Mark Wright Southampton

FULL NAME: Mark Wright
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Dorchester, August 1, 1963
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6 ft. 3 in., 12 st. 4 lb.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Ford Cortina 1.6GL.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Oxford United.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
NICKNAME AT CLUB: Bonner.
WORST EVERY INJURY: Nothing to speak of.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Mark Lawrenson because he's a complete player.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Brazil's Roberto Falcao because he's so exciting.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Smith, Cooper (all England), Bremner (Scotland), Charlton J., Moore, Ball (all England), Best (N. Ireland), Law (Scotland), Charlton R., Greaves (both England).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Carlos Alberto (Brazil), Bretnere (W. Germany), Gerson (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Krol (Holland), Rivelino, Pele (both Brazil), Law, Jairzinho (Brazil).
BEST FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Norrington in Sweden.
BEST GOAL SCORED: At Manchester City last season in a 1-1 Milk Cup tie.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Mick Channon's for Southampton in the 3-2 home defeat by Liverpool two seasons ago.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Signing for Southampton.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Tottenham in the FA Cup last season.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis and squash.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: All sports.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and our trainer's whistle!
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Laurel and Hardy.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Emmerdale Farm.
FAVOURITE READING: Autobiographies.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: All jazz and funk stars.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Everything.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Squash.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Hong Kong.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Cary Grant and Natalie Wood.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Rocky III.

BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My parents, Ray Graydon, Ray Barry and M. Elias and the staff at Southampton.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Bad referees.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Chicken.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under-21 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To reach the very top.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Haven't thought about it yet.
PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: My team makes Reuben Agboola and Danny Wallace.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to your coaches' opinions, but decide for yourself what is right and wrong.

